

BY TELEGRAPH. IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Legislative Business Not Rushing. Senator Hoar Springs a Mild Surprise.

Washington, Dec 9.—Senator Hoar of Massachusetts had a mild sensation to spring in the senate today. He secured unanimous consent to present a petition signed by 269 native Hawaiians protesting against annexation.

A resolution authorizing the secretary of war to transport supplies to suffering miners at Klondike and appropriating \$50,000 for the purpose went over on objection.

Although no formal action has been taken, a general understanding has been reached by the leaders of the house as to the course of legislation in the near future. The appropriation bills will be disposed of as fast as ready. After these the bankruptcy bill will be given the first opportunity for hearing.

At present there will be no effort to take up financial legislation in the house. Some emergency measures, like hearing the sea matter, will probably have a hearing, but aside from these, the disposition of the leaders will be to keep radical legislation to the rear for a time.

The committee on foreign affairs held its first meeting today and outlined its work on several important foreign matters pending. Chairman Hitt announced as a sub-committee on Cuban affairs Adams of Pennsylvania, Brewster of Minnesota, and Berry of Kentucky, sub-committee on Hawaiian affairs, Hitt of Illinois, Smith of Michigan, and Dismore of Arkansas.

She Still Lives.

Canton, Dec. 9.—Mother McKinley survived the night but was very weak this morning. The president was at her bedside all night. This morning she was in deep lethargic sleep and unconscious.

Cuban Success.

HAVANA, December 8.—It was officially announced this morning from Spanish headquarters that a group of rebels had entered Camanera, near Manzanillo, favored by the treason of an officer, Camanera is on Culberland harbor.

The Great Bicycle Race.

New York, Dec 9.—The morning of the fourth day of the great six-day bicycle race finds 18 still plugging on. All are determined. None will sleep unless forced by their trainers. Riviere rode 1124 miles without a wink of sleep and then took only two hours. Miller slept one hour in the first 72. At 115 this afternoon the score of the leaders was: Miller 1405, Rice 1341, Riviere 1317, Schinner 1296, Waller 1269, Moore 1266, Hale 1216. The others are a long distance behind. The best previous record for 85 hours was 1224 miles made by Hale.

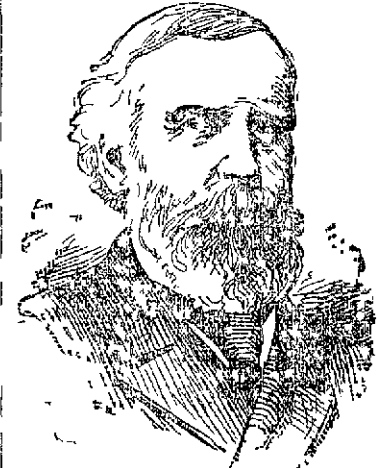
FACTS THAT CONVINCE

What Has Been Done to Prevent
Filibustering.

Contrast That Is Not Creditable
to Spanish Vigilance.

International Obligations Fully Observed by
This Nation.

Washington Dec 9.—Secretary Gage has submitted to the department of state his report upon the action of the treasury department in suppressing filibustering expeditions to Cuba in violation of the neutrality laws. He points out that during two years and a half only six American vessels of an aggregate of 1331 registered tons are alleged to have successfully landed expeditions from the United States in Cuba. With the exception of one of the Laurada the vessels are small tugs and a pilot boat each of less than 100 net tons and obviously incapable of carrying large numbers of men or large quantities of arms and ammunition.



WILLIAM J. GAGE

Three foreign vessels of an aggregate of 172 registered tons are alleged to have been successful in the same effort. Referring to these foreign vessels the Norwegian steamer Leon the Danish steamer Housa and the British steamer Reinouda the secretary says that those of the crews of these vessels are required to be shipped before the consuls of their respective nations in accordance with the laws of those nations which also impose on the masters of these vessels various other duties to be performed before the consuls. He suggests the inquiry might be pertinent whether the Spanish authorities informed those consuls of the alleged expeditions and whether if not some measure of responsibility does not rest on the Spanish authorities for the alleged departure of those vessels or if the consuls were notified whether so measure of responsibility does not rest upon them. With the vessels referred to it is alleged there have been associated about a dozen harbor tugs, three or four lighters a few small steamers and about a dozen small sloops and schooners in all less than 50.

On the Atlantic and Gulf coasts in 1896 there were 10,653 sailing vessels under 200 tons and 2917 steam vessels of 1000 tons or less a total of 13,565 American vessels of a description and locality available for filibustering purposes. That only six of this number succeeded in reaching Cuba, and that less than 50 had any share in these expeditions Secretary Gage says is a demonstration first of the law-abiding spirit of the nation and of the obedience of the people to the law.

BY TELEGRAPH. ANOTHER SENSATION.

Murderer Boinay's Wife Goes on the Witness Stand Today to Swear Away His Life.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec 9.—Another sensation was sprung this forenoon in the trial of Charles A. Boinay, charged with the murder of Farmer Nichols of Daniels farm.

Yesterday David A. Weeks, Boinay's accomplice made a full confession which was sensational, but this tea was outdone today.

Today Mrs Charles A. Boinay wife of the accused man, took the stand and testified against her husband to save Weeks, her brother. On cross examination it was impossible to confuse her and she was still in the witness box at 2 o'clock swearing away the life of her husband.

Yesterday's Proceedings.

Bridgeport Conn., Dec 9.—The sensation of the state previous to the opening of the trial of Charles Boinay charged with the murder of George Marcus Nichols of Daniels Farms last July, that the trial would be of short duration, seemed to be borne out by the sensational proceedings of Wednesday, when David Weeks the accomplice of Boinay, took the witness stand and it is believed legally placed the halter around his companion's neck. He told all the details of the crime corroborating in most particulars Miss Nichols the sister of the murdered man, whose testimony was concluded yesterday morning and charging Boinay directly with the killing. The cross-examination failed to weaken his testimony.

It was the crowning sensation of a case that has been full of sensations from the time the cold-blooded atrocity of the murder was made known up to the recent arrest of the alleged culprits at most under the eaves of the scene of their crime. Further than this he made no attempt to conceal other crimes that he was connected with and divulged jobs that he and Boinay had done in Connecticut and New York. Though yet scarcely 28 years old, he admitted that he had been pursuing his burglarious career for several years. Throughout the narration of his many crimes he was firm and steady and narrated the several affairs with an indifference that was remarkable. He claimed the confession was not made under any promise of pardon but because he was tired of living that way.

The somewhat mysterious shooting affray in Botsford last April was cleared up by Weeks' confession. The witness also admitted the robbery of John Peach Nichols in Old Farms district Trumbull and a Mr Ball a well to do

resident of North Easton, Mass., so many and himself also of many minor robberies throughout the state.

If Weeks' story is believed the jury there is no course but to pursue but to find the accomplice of Boinay in the first degree. Through out the entire confession Boinay sat unmoved but watched his betrayer fixedly only taking his eyes from him when he had a suggestion to make to his counsel.

Following is in substance the story told by Weeks. We had planned so for some time previous to July 13 to rob Mr. Nichols Boinay had learned so he said that Mr. Nichols possessed considerable wealth. After we had perfected our plans we went from our house in Huntington to Daniels Farms on Monday night July 13 intending to rob the Nichols at that time. We found however that we were observed and concluded to abandon the attempt for that night and returned to Huntington. Two nights after on Wednesday July 15 we went to Daniels Farms and arrested Mr. Nichols. The coast was clear and we agreed to commit the crime. It was raining heavily and everything was favorable. We first tried the pantry window. Boinay cut out a window pane, opened the sash and crawled in. A little later he let me in through a door. We had not been in side long before we heard a noise upstairs and we at once went outside. Watching closely we saw Mr. Nichols and Mrs Nichols come down stairs. Mr. Nichols lighted a lantern and came out doors and after looking about a short time returned to the house. We then went to the side door and burst it in to find Mr. Nichols and Mrs Nichols in the middle of the room. Boinay cried out as we rushed in. Hold up your hands. Mr. Nichols responded by striking Boinay over the head with his lantern and Boinay immediately fired two shots. Mr. Nichols fell to the floor and Mrs Nichols sobbed but recoiled. She ran upstairs with Boinay in close pursuit. A little later I heard two more shots and finally Boinay came downstairs with Mrs Nichols. We demanded of the woman money and got some. Boinay in response to pleadings from Mr. Nichols secured from a closet some brandy. We then occupied some time in searching the house and after getting something to eat we left the house and walked back to our hunting gun where we were let in to our house by Mrs Boinay. On our way back Boinay said I'm sorry we did this job. This is the first one I ever killed.

Never Point of Law Decided.

Montpelier, Vt. Dec 9.—A point of law passed upon by Chancellors Jonathan Ross and John W. Rowell yesterday is claimed by legal practitioners to be the first of its kind in the United States and most remarkable in its effect on the presentation of evidence in criminal cases. The case is that of a woman charged with the murder of her husband. The defense secured by S. C. Shurtliff of this city attorney for Mrs. Vivian Barrett retaining State Attorney F. L. Fish of Addison county from using publishing or causing to be known the contents of certain documents the property of Mrs. Barrett now in his possession. This decision is said to settle the question that an officer with or without a search warrant cannot search the papers of any individual and use the same in court against the will of the person owning the same and who might be the defendant.

Mrs. Barrett is a sister of Dora Cushman the girl who died under peculiar circumstances and of being concerned in whose death several persons are either under arrest or surveillance. During the girls funeral State Attorney Howland searched the room of Mrs. Barrett in the American house White River Junction securing papers which he turned over to Attorney Fish. Mrs. Barrett was at the funeral at the time and she objects to the use of those papers which include letters written by Smith Davis Dora Cushman and others said to contain damaging evidence against the persons said to be responsible for Miss Cushman's death. The motion for the dismissal of the indictment was argued here Nov 30 and those papers were to be introduced at Smith Davis trial in the county court this month.

Baseball Deal Planned.

Baltimore Dec 9.—Manager Hanlon of the Baltimore baseball team has an offer from Manager Wagner of Washington of McGowan, Demarett and McJames for Doyle Reitz and a left paw pitcher to be selected later. Hanlon offers to make a deal on Amos Doyle and Reitz.

Weather Forecast.

Warm, fair tonight and Friday, continued warm, with southwest winds.

Christmas Thoughts

Are forcing themselves upon us, whether we will or not, and the real question of the hour is, "What shall I give for Christmas?" If you had looked through the market and scoured the country with us you would realize the advantages of buying of a house that rejects all trash and is willing to put before its customers only first class goods at reliable prices.

At Cutting Corner

This will ever be the case and as long counters of Neckwear, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Armbands, Night Robes, Lounging Robes, Breakfast Coats, Gloves, Hosiery, &c., &c., are being spread for your inspection, let us urge your early inspection and say that we are glad to lay aside and deliver when desired. All goods neatly boxed, and special attention given to the convenience of Holiday Shoppers.

C. H. CUTTING & CO.,

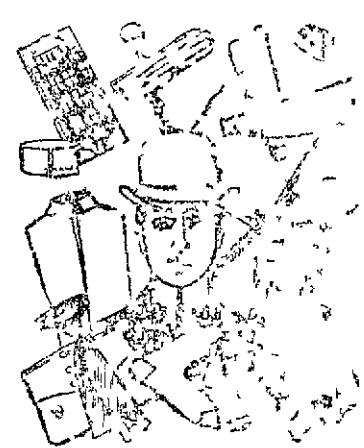
Wholesale Retailers, Cutting Corner.

What Shall the Present Be?

Of whom are you thinking? Father, mother, sister or brother? There's not a one of them but would be more than tickled with a pair of fine SLIPPERS from our stock. Genuine Alligator \$2.50, Bottle Green Do. \$1.50, with white kid, \$1.50. Big line of other grades 50c to \$1.25.

J. T. MULCARE,

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Exclusive Hatters and Furnishers, 112 Main St., No. Adams

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- 300 Fancy Chairs from 60c to \$30.
- 100 Fancy Tables in Vernis Martin, Mahogany, Oak and Maple.
- 25 Sideboards at quick selling prices.
- 20 Hall Stands and every one a bargain.
- 20 Chiffoniers in Oak, Birch and Mahogany.

LADIES' DESKS, MUSIC CABINETS, DIVANS, COUCHES, SCREENS, EASELS, TABOURETTES, PEDFSTALS, FOOT RESTS, BLACKING CASES, MORRIS CHAIRS, ETC.

Do not buy a Christmas Present 'till you see our immense assortment.

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Handkerchiefs.

Our entire lines of Holidav Handkerchiefs are now ready for inspection and comprise the most complete assortment we ever offered in both ladies' and gentlemen's.

Hemstitched, embroidered, initialed, and real lace from 5c to \$7.50 each.

Early buyers will get first choice.

SAMUEL GULLY & CO.

For Cash.

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which comes to me because I give the best value in cup of duty to be obtained in the city

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Our special offerings for this season will interest intending purchasers. Look them over

P. J. Boland,

Boland bldg., North Adams.

To The Reader —

Your TRANSCRIPT tonight is increased in size from four to eight pages. The reasons which have led to this improvement are given in another column, but the publishers take this "preferred position, next reading matter," to advertise the fact that, notwithstanding its increased value as a newspaper, THE TRANSCRIPT will continue to be sold at TWO CENTS a copy, 12 cents a week, 50 cents a month, \$6 a year. The carrier service has been perfected so as to insure prompt and regular delivery of the paper in North Adams and neighboring towns, and any complaints of unsatisfactory carrier service addressed to this office will receive prompt attention.

THE TRANSCRIPT

AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

It Was Good Work—"Santa Claus' Dream"—Canadian Jubilee Singers Coming—Officers Elected—Talk of Forming a Hockey Club—Handicap Run—Another Outing Flannel Fire.

Another Outing Flannel Fire.

Mrs. Joseph Guibo had an exciting experience Tuesday evening. She went upstairs to put the children to bed and when she struck a match to light a bracket lamp in the upper hall her little four-year-old girl stuck her foot out toward the match. The child had on a night dress of outing flannel, which caught fire and the flames spread over the garment with lightning-like rapidity. Mrs. Guibo had the presence of mind to wrap her apron about the child and the fire was smothered before any injury was done. The girl's hair was singed and it was a very narrow escape for her. Outing flannel is clearly a dangerous material for night dresses. A. J. Daniels had a similar experience only a short time ago and would have been seriously burned had his wife not smothered the flames with a quilt.

It Was Good Work.

The prompt work of the officers in running down the man who assaulted Mrs. Hewitt Tuesday night is highly appreciated and commended by the people of the town. They had a good clue and followed it vigorously with most excellent results, the alleged culprit being landed in Pittsfield jail in less than 24 hours from the time the crime was committed. The town has not been so aroused over anything in a long time as it was by this attempt at highway robbery and interest in the case will not cease until it has been disposed of by the court.

Officers Elected.

The Woman's Relief corps of E. P. Hopkins post held its annual meeting Tuesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. R. B. Harris of North Adams; senior vice-president, Mrs. Hattie Waldo; junior vice-president, Mrs. Achas Fowler; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Goodrich, chapel, Mrs. Mary Davison; conductor, Mrs. Ida Lamphear; guard, Miss Jane Brown; delegate to department convention, Miss Hannah Tallmadge; alternate, Mrs. Hattie Waldo. The secretary will be appointed by the president, and the conductor and guard choose their own assistants, subject to the approval of the president.

"Santa Claus' Dream."

This pleasing cantata will be rendered tonight by a well drilled chorus in the Congregational church at South Williamstown, and afterwards a good supper, will be served by the Ladies' Aid society. Admission, including supper, will be 35 cents. Arrangements have been made to carry a good number of people from this village, the fare for the round trip, including entertainment and supper, being placed at the low figure of 50 cents. Quite a number of students will be among those who go.

Jubilee Singers Coming.

All will be pleased with the announcement that the Canadian Jubilee singers are to be heard at the Methodist church on the evening of January 18 under the auspices of the Young People's society of Christian Endeavor. These singers were heard last winter at the opera house and everybody will be glad to know that they are coming again. They will be sure to draw a large audience.

W. A. Blair and Delos Brown are doing carpenter work on C. D. Brown's new barn.

Miss Mary Christie of North Adams was the guest of Mrs. W. L. Crosier the early part of the week.

The college catalogue has been issued. A. L. Simonds returned Wednesday night from Boston, where he attended a meeting of the grand Masonic lodge of Massachusetts.

J. Frank Torrey took in the production of "Evangeline" in North Adams Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Mrs. Franklin Carter has returned from Baltimore.

The Twenty-five club will have a pleasant time at its social and dance in Severance's hall Friday night.

If the weather is pleasant the red, white and blue supper at the White Oaks chapel this evening will be largely attended.

The special services at Clark chapel are well attended and much interest is shown.

H. C. Preston, who has been sick for nearly two weeks, is out again, but is not yet able to work.

An opera entitled "Santa Claus' Surprise Party" will be rendered in the opera house Christmas night by a chorus of children under the direction of J. W. Lawrence.

Fred Mather is putting blinds on his house and they greatly improve its appearance.

"A Noble Outcast" at the opera house tonight.

The water reservoirs are both full and running over.

Handsome catalogues issued by E. M. Dickinson, a North Adams jeweler, were freely distributed in town Wednesday afternoon.

SOUTH WILLIAMSTOWN.

The cantata, "Santa Claus' Dream," will be given Friday evening, December 10, followed by a supper given by the Ladies' Aid society. A good time is promised to all who attend, as every effort has been put forth to make it a successful entertainment. Following is a list of the principal characters taking part in the cantata: Santa Claus, G. P. Merrett; Santa Claus Workmen, Arthur Young, Elias Young, Freddy Jones, Dialogue—John, George Blair, Harry, Winslow Blake; Tom, Eddy McLean; Ben, Will Gardner; Fanny, Minnie McLean; Annie, Bertha Torrey; Kate, Lala Young; Grace, Alice Roy; the little girls from over the sea, Bessie Sweet, Clara Sweet, Bessie Smith; mission girl, Grace Blair; the two king's daughters, Miss Ruth Ben-

nett, Miss Eva Whiteley; the two brownies, Cecil Grant, Cyrus Fields. Several others will also sing in the chorus. Admission by tickets only; combination cantata and supper, 35 cents; combination tickets for children, 25 cents; cantata only, 25 cents; supper only, 25 cents.

Last Sunday evening a service was held to dedicate the new organ recently placed in the church largely through the kindness and generosity of J. W. Fisk of New York city. The order of service as arranged by Mr. Merrett was well carried out and was very interesting. The service commenced by a recital on the organ by Miss Eunice White, organist. Two solo were sung by G. S. Archdeacon of Williamstown, and Mr. Foster of Williams college also very kindly rendered one. Reading of scripture and prayer was offered by Mr. Merrett, the congregation singing several selections at intervals. Prof. Hewitt of Williams college in his happiest mood gave a very interesting address on "Rambling talk" as he preferred to call it, or the subject of "Music," the time occupied by him passing all too quickly. The service closed by the congregation singing the hymn "Blessed be the tie that binds," followed by the benediction pronounced by Mr. Merrett.

The Y. P. S. C. E. and church prayer meeting held Tuesday evening were conducted by E. B. Edwards of Williams college. The topic was "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Mr. Merrett conducted a meeting in Clark chapel in Williamstown the same evening.

READSBORO ITEMS.

Unique Town Record.

The following from Book 4, page 297 of the town records is interesting and unique:

Joy Bishop, fishing from the Devil-Readsboro, May 20, 1822. The son, Chauncey and Marvin Ford went to Woodford and Brought Suckers and put into Readsboro pond and before that time was never noted to be a Sucker in said pond. Readsboro, May 18 day 1827 then I, Joy Bishop & Elson Bishop found a spot of Fishing Ground which we took for to cooperi for to Catch Suckers which we thought Sprung from them lot. a number unmolested then. May 17 day then Marvin Ben Joy Bishop, Elson Bishop and my other Son went up last June, more unmolested which said Suckers sprung from the Suckers which we put into said Readsboro pond which said preveldege we claim as our one. May the 14 day, then M. Found and I went up to get some Suckers and we were much molested by people, we have lose our spot of fishing Ground which runs from the pond up the Brook about 40 or 50 rods which we want put on Record.

JOY BISHOP.

Read the Above for Record May 18, 1827.

Attest: JONATHAN HOUGHTON, Town Clerk.

Nemorized the Tooth.

Verne, the young son of H. E. Parsons, had a couple of teeth to be pulled the other day and this was how it was done. Mr. Parsons has experimented to some extent with mesmerism and Master Verne, having been taken to the office of Dr. Ward, he proceeded to remove the feeling from the affected teeth. The doctor then pulled the teeth and the boy did not feel the least pain, though he was conscious of everything going on. This seems like a big story but the facts as stated can be proven.

—Frank Crosier has built a piazza on the back side of his house.

—The auditors of the village have finished their work and the copy is now in the hands of the printer.

—There will be a Christmas tree and exercises at the Baptist church Christmas eve.

WHITINGHAM.

Royal Chase and family moved into the Streeter house last week.

There was not a very large attendance at the supper Friday night.

Dr. Scudder and wife have gone to Harley Upton's to live this winter.

Miss Lala Baker has been appointed postmistress in this place. The office will be on W. d. soon.

C. S. Chase goes to Bennington to attend court this week.

Frank Hicks was in town Saturday.

There will be services at the hall Sunday at 1.30 o'clock.

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STRATTON.

H. N. Buck and wife of North Adams have been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Groat, Jr.

A. J. Pike has returned from Milbury where he has been at work for several months. Mrs. Pike, who has been at Newfane, returned with her.

E. L. Johnson and son have gone to Shutesbury for the winter.

N. D. Allen has moved from West Jamaica, to J. C. Jones' house for the winter.

Mrs. H. M. Hulet is in Stratton with her husband.

It is proposed to hold Christmas exercises at the church on Thursday evening, December 23.

C. H. Groat is cutting logs. W. P. Styles and Wm. G. Smith are working for him.

AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

Leader Miller Overcome by Sleep and Dropped From His Wheel.

New York, Dec. 9.—At midnight the indomitable 15 bicyclists were still pedaling their way around the high banked track of Madison Square garden. From midnight to midnight, Miller had put more than 350 miles behind him. This marvelous record on the third day of the great race carried him along to a total of more than 1200 miles in 71 hours, 133 miles ahead of the former record. During this weary journey, Miller has left the track but for a few hours. With the exception perhaps of Stephane, the Frenchman, Miller had up to a late hour in the afternoon little sleep, than any other man on the track. Notwithstanding this, he is seemingly in as good condition as he was Tuesday, when experts claimed that he and Rice, the Wilkesbarre man, were in the best shape of all the riders.

The next man to Miller at present is Rice, and he is something more than 50 miles behind; but he is strong, and seems to have the same determination that carried him almost to the front in the big race of last year.

Last week's champion, Teddy Hale, whose great ride then promises to be far outdone this year, is now making up ground. He is almost 175 miles behind the leader, but he has crept up from tenth place, which he held Tuesday night, to eighth place, and is certain to go up much higher before the end is reached.

After 60 hours of what seemed to Americans to be the fiercest kind of rivalry, Stephane has given way to Rivierre, and the latter has put more than 100 miles between himself and his fellow countryman. Rivierre is third man in the race, and has a good lead on those below him. Stephane had the sulks last night, which accounts for his lost ground. He disappeared from the track for a couple of hours, and even after that only rode at intervals.

Waller, who made such a wonderful effort during the second day, but who, too, got stubborn later, has returned to his work with renewed vigor, but he is now far behind.

Some of the short races last night were exciting, very much alike to those of Tuesday night. The former world's champion, A. A. Zimmerman, lowered the clock of every rider who essayed to enter the lists against him at one-third of a mile, which he did in 41 1-3 seconds.

Fred Titus, who was one of the starters in the six-day event, but who dropped out, made a somewhat better effort in his one mile race with Harley Davidson of Canada. He beat Davidson quite easily in 2:14 4-5. Eddie Bald gave a near-lap exhibition in 4:55 4-5. In the quarter race, Titus overtook Davidson on the fourteenth lap in 3:20.

Jimmy Michael gave an exhibition five miles in 10:19 1-5. Edward Taylor, the French champion, gave a two-mile exhibition, paced by Lamberjack, Gougoltz and the black and white tandem. Taylor made his pick-ups in fine style and finished the two miles in 4:00 2-5.

During the latter part of the event there was considerable commotion in the garden among the 10,000 spectators, occasioned by Miller falling off his wheel while asleep. He was carried to a dressing room. He returned a few minutes later and went on with his steady grind.

The score of the leaders at 1:15 a. m. was: Miller, 1238; Rice, 1162; Rivierre, 1127; Schinner, 1143; Moore, 1099; Waller, 1096; Pierce, 1076; Hale, 1067; Stephane, 1026; Golden, 1017; Elkes, 1000.

For Lightweight Boxers.

Baltimore, Dec. 9.—Al Herford, the pugilistic promoter and manager of the Bureka A. C., has deposited \$250 with the sporting editor of the Baltimore Herald, challenging the world on behalf of his lightweight boxer, Joe Gans. He is anxious to have his man go against "Spiky" Sullivan, Frank Erne of Buffalo, Jack Downey of Brooklyn, or Del Hawkins of San Francisco. The challenge is especially aimed at the San Francisco boxer, with whom he seeks a match at the earliest opportunity. He is willing to meet Hawkins before any club in the country, both men to weight in at 130 pounds, give or take two, at 3 o'clock.

Durand Must Hang.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Wednesday afternoon the supreme court dispelled the last hope of W. H. T. Durand, the murderer of Blanche Lamont and Minnie Williams, by disposing in a summary action of his two appeals. In a written opinion by Chief Justice Peatty, which is concurred in by all but one of his associates, the court affirms the judgment of Judge Bahers in remanding the prisoner to San Quentin until the date set for his execution, but reverses the sentencing of Durand to be hanged on Nov. 11 and remands the case to the superior court with instructions to proceed according to the law.

New Hampshire Woman's Bequests.

Exeter, N. H., Dec. 9.—The will of Mary Smith leaves private bequests amounting to \$10,000, which included one of \$3000 to her pastor, Rev. George E. Street of the Phillips church; \$300 to the trustees of the Gilmers park and the residue amounting to about \$12,000, to the new parish of Exeter, the income to be used as the trustees see fit for the maintenance of the society.

Alleged Highwayman Arrested.

Pownall, Vt., Dec. 9.—Frank Brady, an employe of a hotel, was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of being the man who threatened with death and robbed Mrs. Hewitt, wife of Professor John H. Hewitt of Williams college, on the highway near her home in Williamstown, Mass. He was arrested, and in default of \$2000 bonds was committed to the Pittsfield, Mass., jail.

The man was traced to Pownall by footprints in the snow. Although Mrs. Hewitt's assailant secured but a small amount of money, the hold-up was one of the boldest that has been committed in that section of the country for a long time, and Mrs. Hewitt was completely prostrated by her encounter with the highwayman.

The Republican city committee of Brockton, Mass., has filed a petition for a recount of the votes cast for mayor, and the no-recount people are preparing a petition for a recount of the license vote.

Frederic Van Schaack has begun suit against her father-in-law, Peter Van Schaack, one of the leading business men of Chicago, asking damages in \$75,000 for alienation of her husband's affections and \$50,000 for libel.

Jeremiah Maloney of Webster, Mass., aged 22, who was charged with killing Matthew Ryan by stabbing him during a drunken fight in Hartford, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to eight years in prison.

The Riverside Press building in Cambridge, Mass., occupied by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., was burned by fire yesterday. While the loss by fire is slight, the damage by water will be quite heavy. The total loss is estimated at about \$20,000.

The British consul at Jacco, capital of Corsica, telegraphs that the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation company's steamer Clyde, Captain Gordon, has been drifting near the Corsican coast. The list of the Clyde shows 100 passengers.

A GOAT ISLAND DUEL.

MEN WHO TOOK PART IN IT AFTER-WARD BECAME FAMOUS.

Wigfall and Butler the Principals, Manning and Brooks the Seconds—The Wounded Men Taken Down the River in a Torched Barge.

In the Savannah river, some eight or ten miles above Augusta, was 50 or 60 years ago a large and dreary sand bank, known as Goat Island, covered with drifting and shifting dunes, the home of the crane, the kingfisher and the heron. One of the most noted duels that ever illustrated the code of honor took place on Goat island, a sort of neutral ground, amenable perhaps neither to the laws of Georgia nor South Carolina. The principals and seconds in this duel, save one, were all Edgefield men of high descent and of the cavalier class, who believed in and practiced the code duello.

The principals were two handsome and brilliant young lawyers, Louis T. Wigfall, aged 23 years, and Preston S. Brooks, aged 22. The casual bell, in this famous duel gave place to civil strife and ambitions. Wigfall's second was John Laurens Manning of Sumter county, S. C. Brooks' second was Pierce Mason Butler of Edgefield. All these four men became famous characters in the history of their state—in the history of the south—as is abundantly proved by the chronicles and encyclopedias that have been written or amended since.

In the very earliest hour of the dim, gray dawn of a fall morning of the year 1841—to avoid notice and perhaps arrest—two close carriages are driven out of Augusta. They leave the door of the late Thomas Barrett, who is himself an occupant of one of the carriages. These two coaches convey Wigfall, Manning, Barrett, a physician and three colored men, servants, to the vicinity of Goat Island. Brooks and Butler, with their physician and servants, come from the Edgefield side, accompanied by the late Major Andrew Hammond of New Richmond.

The duel took place at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The actors in the bloody drama were taken from either shore to the island in one of the long pole boats of that day. Two shots were exchanged. The result of the second shot was the wounding of Wigfall through both thighs and the whizzing of a bullet into Brooks' hip, the bullet ranging round into his back and lodging there. Both men were painfully and very seriously wounded. Both sank to the ground and soon became almost unconscious from loss of blood.

And now comes the dramatic and somewhat weird part of my story. Both wounds having been temporarily dressed, both men were lifted tenderly into the pole boat and, lying almost side by side, were rowed down the night marked stream to the city. In this boat with the wounded men were the seconds, Mr. Barrett, Major Hammond, the physicians and five negro men. Imagine this funeral barge, illuminated by lightwood torches, sometimes flaring bright, sometimes burning blue, as it glided down the broad, still river in the blackness of darkness, bearing on its bosom two noble, brave and bleeding boys, whose immortal souls before the journey's end might be called to stand before their God.

Arriving at Augusta Louis Wigfall was taken to the residence of Mr. Thomas Barrett, whose wife and mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Harriet Glascock, were family connections of his, and there nursed back to health with tender care and motherly watchfulness. Preston Brooks was taken to Beard's hotel, in Hamburg, whence after a few days he was taken to his home in Edgefield.

Louis T. Wigfall married a brilliant belle of Providence, and after living in Edgefield a few years subsequent to his duel removed to Marshall, Tex., which state he very soon represented in the United States senate, where he achieved a national reputation as an orator and statesman. The war, of course, found him devotedly and enthusiastically on the side of his native south. He became a hero in the memorable and initial siege of Fort Sumter, a brigadier general in the Confederate army, senator from Texas in the Confederate congress and an intimate friend and adviser of Jefferson Davis. He died in Galveston some 10 or 12 years after the close of the war.

Preston S. Brooks married a daughter of Governor Means of South Carolina, and continued to live in Edgefield. He became so popular among the people of Edgefield and the neighboring districts that they sent him to represent them in congress. Previous to this, however, he had led Company D of the Palmetto regiment throughout the Mexican war, and had reached the highest rank as a wise and brave soldier. While he was a member of the lower house of congress his cousin, Judge Andrew Pickens Butler, was South Carolina's senator.

In the senate about this time—it is matter of national history—the famous Massachusetts senator, Charles Sumner, made a speech reflecting upon Senator Butler, who was a man many years his senior. This insult to his venerable kinsman got aroused the ire of the fiery Brooks that he publicly caned Sumner in the senate chamber. The canner became almost a hero, and was received in the northern mind much of that hatred of the south that led to the war. Preston S. Brooks, in his third term as congressman, died in Washington in 1887.

Pierce M. Butler became governor of South Carolina, then United States commissioner to the Indians, and subsequently the devoted and illustrious leader of the renowned Palmetto regiment in the Mexican war. He fell at the head of his regiment, with a bullet through his brain, at the memorable siege of Churubusco.

John Laurens Manning married an aunt of the present General Wade Hampton. He was at the time the wealthiest and the handsomest man in South Carolina. He became governor of his state, as his father and grandfather had been before him, and proved himself throughout all his years a hero and a patriot of the blipst type, who died eight or ten years ago—Augusta Herald.

Knew a Good Thing.

Johnny's Teacher (making a call)—Of course Johnny is rather willful, but he is a bright, promising boy, and he has a devoted Kate for his original investigation. You must have noticed that he has a full set of teeth.

Johnny's Mother (listening uneasily)—Yes, I have. I believe he is at the black berry jam this minute!—Chicago Tribune

The German Jury System.

In Germany when the vote of the jury stands six against six the prisoner is acquitted. A vote of seven against five leaves the decision to the court, and in a vote of eight against four the prisoner is convicted.—Kansas City Journal.

John Wanted Too.

"Where will Mrs. Dobson go now that both her daughters are married? To her son-in-law's house, in Birmingham or to that in Leeds?"

"One wants her in Birmingham, and the other wishes she would go to Leeds."

"What dutiful son-in-law!"

"I beg your pardon. The one in Birmingham wants her in Leeds; the one in Leeds wants her in Birmingham."—London Tit-Bits.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Timothy B. Elliott of Biddeford, Me., has been appointed inspector of immigration at Portland, Me.

WEST HAWLEY.

Miss Inez White has taken a school in Charlemont for the winter.

Mrs. Clarence Fuller is spending a week in Boston with friends.

Mrs. H. B. White has returned from a visit to friends in North Adams and Dalton.

Urban Crandall has hired the house and grist mill belonging to Phineas Stark and will move there soon.

Judson Wood will move into the house formerly occupied by Urban Crandall.

Mrs. Stillman Carter is very ill. Dr. Bowker of Charlemont is in attendance.

John Fuller is visiting friends in Adams.

Bert Fuller of Concord spent a few days with friends in town last week.

Frank Hunt is staying with his son, Chester Hunt, this winter.

Rev. Mr. Pike, with his wife of Rhode Island, is taking a much needed rest from his labors, spending the time with Mr. Pike's aunt, Mrs. F. W. Atkins.

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AT ADAMS.

Was Carried Out.

Quite an amusing incident happened in the Berkshire mill No. 2 Wednesday morning. Oliver Perry, a boy about 17 years old, who had been employed doing, was discharged Tuesday, for refusing to do his work. Wednesday morning he went to the mill to get his pay and on learning that it had been stopped by his father, he became abusive and threatened to whip the second hand, George Crozier. He was told to leave the mill quietly and when he did not Mr. Crozier gently took hold of the would-be brave boy and it was truly laughable to see him ejected without the least trouble. The boy intended to take the money which he would receive and run away from his home to New Bedford. The manner of his ejection has served to drive away his runaway thoughts and he will remain at home.

Doyle Willing to Run.

Jack Doyle, the local sprinter, has returned from Boston and in regard to the challenge which A. G. Rogers, the colored sprinter from Buffalo, N. Y., who issued a challenge in last week's issue of the Police News, in which he wants to run Doyle or any other man 150 yards for \$50 or more a side. Doyle says he is willing to run Rogers and has signed articles to that effect. Doyle says that he offered to run Davis at Zylonite in this town New Year's day for \$250 or \$500 a side, the Police News to choose the pistol firer and referee, or Doyle will run at Buffalo, N. Y., if given \$25 for expenses. If the match is made it would be an interesting race and would no doubt draw a large crowd from towns in this vicinity. Davis is a coal negro and strips to run at 194 pounds. Doyle is his equal in height but only strips at 174 pounds. Many local people would like to see the race made.

Handicap Run.

The students held a handicap run from North Adams to this town Wednesday afternoon. The runners and their handicap were as follows: Bray, 190, scratch; Lathrop, '01, 2 minutes 15 seconds; Menkel, '01, 3 minutes; Bailey, '98, 1 minute 15 seconds; Parker, '01, 3 minutes; Pattison, '99, 1 minute. Lathrop came in first, time, 25 minutes and 1 second; Bray second, 28 minutes 15 seconds; Menkel third, 27 minutes, 55 seconds. These three were awarded handsome cups. The other three followed closely and the time made was very good, considering the condition of the roads, which were covered with slippery mud nearly an inch deep. The runners started from Fairground avenue and stopped at the foot of Chapel hill, where a crowd of students were waiting to see the finish.

Landlord Morse Entertained.

Quite a pleasant party of men gathered at the Greylock house Wednesday evening and were entertained by Landlord Morse. There were present Sheriff J. E. Moloney of North Adams, Turnkey John Whipple of Pittsfield, Sheriff O'Brien and Whipple of this town and a few other local men. A supper was served, which consisted of rabbits, partridge, quail and bear meats. The bear meat was obtained from one of the cubs that were shot on Florida mountain. After supper the guests and landlord adjourned from the dining room to the sitting room and enjoyed a pleasant smoke talk.

Will Probably Form a Club.

The town boys are talking of forming a hockey club to compete with the college club when the skating becomes suitable. They had a club last winter and beat the students, and they think they can do it again. The club last winter was composed of P. Brink Keele, Frank Grant, the well known baseball player; George Bryant, Homer White, Arthur Hunt, William Davis, Harry Beebe and Peter McKimmon. If the club is reorganized there will be few changes in the membership and some good sport will be the result.

Shakespearean Recital.

The high school scholars have issued lithographs advertising their entertainment, which is to be given in the opera house December 21. It will be a Shakespearean recital and Mrs. Hannibal A. Williams of Boston is the reciter. A musical program will also be given by local talent. The prices of admission will be 25, 35 and 50 cents. The recital is held under the auspices of the class of '98. The play to be recited is "As You Like It."

New Postoffice Clock.

Postmaster Smith has just received a new time piece at the postoffice. It is a Bundy time recorder and is used in all postoffices where mail carriers are employed. It is an eight day clock and is four feet and nine inches in height. It has improved key boards and records the hours, days and months of the year, besides the time when the clerks and carriers report, leave and finish their duties. A clock has also been placed in the front of the office for public convenience.

An Athletic Meet.

It is probable that an athletic meet will be held in the opera house next month. A number of local sports are interested and satisfactory arrangements can be made to it can be an event worth seeing. It is their intention to have as a leading feature George Dixon, the champion feather weight of the world, appear and give a sparring exhibition. High kicking and jumping and like athletic exhibitions would also be given.

Will End This Evening.

The pool tournament between the North Adams and Colonial clubs will be finished at the local club's rooms this evening. The remaining players who will contest this evening are E. J. Noble vs. J. M. Darby, C. E. Legate vs. Harvey Gallup and A. B. Daniels vs. N. H. Arnold. The city club now leads by a good margin.

New Year's Eve Ball.

The posters are out announcing a benefit concert and dance to be held in the

I AM A DESPERATE MAN

Startling Ejaculation That Greeted a Boston Druggist.

Unknown Desperado Beat Him Over the Head.

Then Dragged Him to the Rear of Store and Robbed Two Trunks.

Boston, Dec. 9.—Newell Paine, who for many years has conducted a drug store at 1181 Tremont street, was desperately assaulted last night and robbed of \$1200 in money by an unknown man who entered his store shortly before 11 o'clock. Mr. Paine was alone in the store when, as he says, a man about 30 years of age, of slim stature, entered and, drawing his revolver, thrust it in Mr. Paine's face with the remark, "I am a desperate man and want your money."

Mr. Paine resisted and was struck over the head several times with the revolver, knocking him senseless. The robber then dragged Mr. Paine into a back room, where were several trunks in which he kept his valuables, and while his victim lay unconscious on the floor, the robber rifled two of the trunks of their contents, securing \$1200 in bills, and then made his escape.

Patrolman Barney, upon whose beat the store is located, came along soon afterwards, and finding the lights out in the store, tried the door, which was unlocked. On entering he heard groans issuing from the back room and discovered Mr. Paine lying on the floor, partly conscious and bleeding from at least a half dozen scalp wounds. A physician was hastily called, who found that the skull was not fractured, and that a fatal result was not to be anticipated. The wounds were dressed and Mr. Paine was sent to a nearby residence to be cared for, as he refused to be taken to the hospital.

He lived alone in the room back of his store, and placing little faith in banks, is said to have kept there the most of his valuables. This fact seems to have been known to his assailant. For some time past he has had no assistant, his store having discharged his former clerk for some reason not at present made public. Naturally suspicion of the police was directed to the discharged employee, but Mr. Paine states that the man who assaulted him was not his former clerk.

Cold-Blooded Murder.

Waverly, Ia., Dec. 9.—Dellah Fales has confessed that she shot and killed Jerome Kern, who was found dead in a lonely wood on the 23rd of last August. She was indicted yesterday, and it is said that her alleged accomplice before the fact, William Kern, a son of the victim, will be indicted today.

Miss Fales charges that when she was 13 years old the older Kern betrayed her, and ever afterward harassed her with his attentions. She also states that he sought by blackening her character to keep others from paying court to her. When by the same method he sought to prevent her son from marrying her, the pent-up hatred of years vented itself in the commission of the crime.

"I killed him with premeditation and deliberation," she says in her confession. "I prayed God to give me strength to do it with all the earnestness I could command, as I have prayed him for forgiveness. I have suffered no pangs of conscience. On the contrary a restful calm seemed to come into my life from the moment I knew he was dead. I never slept so well as I did the night after I fired those fatal shots."

Miss Fales' confession tells of the love affairs of herself and young Kern, and of the opposition of the father. The two young persons decided that the older Kern should be put out of the way. One day the older Kern suggested to the young woman that she meet him. She assented, and the following morning they met in the woods. "He was on his knees before me," she says. "I had the revolver inside my coat. As he was kneeling I pulled the revolver out and shot him in the chest. He whirled around on his knees, and I shot him in the right side of the neck."

The two guilty ones plotted to lay the crime at the door of John Lewis, a former lover of the girl. They prepared a letter purporting to have been written by the deceased, and left it in a box which was readily found. This letter said that if anything happened to Kern, Lewis must be held responsible.

in a Lethargic Repose.

Canton, O., Dec. 9.—All day the children of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley were near her bedside watching for indications of a hopeful change, but they were disappointed. She lies in a lethargic repose, as if in sleep, most of the time. She is gradually but surely growing weaker. The doctor could not see any material change last night, but the weakening process continued steadily. He is prepared for dissolution at any moment, but at the time of this visit he had not abandoned hope that she would continue in life during the night and possibly longer. Members of the family at the same hour did not seem to be so hopeful.

During the evening Mrs. McKinley again aroused from her stupor. She lay quietly and restfully. The president sat at her side watching intently and hopefully for some sign of recognition. The awakening, however, was not accompanied by any appreciable rally. This was the condition at 11:30 o'clock. Up to that hour the patient remained in the deep sleep in which she had lain all day. When the doctor made his last call, finding her in this sleep, he thought she would live until morning. She was still growing weaker.

Constable Killed by Miners.

Port Smith, Ark., Dec. 9.—The dead body of James Murray, constable at Jenny Lind, a coal mining town in Sebastian county, was found Monday lying by the roadside. It has since been developed that the officer was lynched by a mob of coal miners.

Constable Murray on Sunday afternoon went to Bonanza and arrested a miner named McBroom. He started with his prisoner for Jenny Lind at midnight. That was the last seen of Murray alive. His body was found the next morning 30 yards from the shaft of the Bonanza mine. His hands were tied behind his body and his neck was black and blue, showing the imprint of a rope. Blood oozed from a dozen bullet wounds in his body, and his clothing was torn into shreds. The coroner began an investigation, and it has been fully established that he was waylaid by a mob of McBroom's friends, composed of miners, determined upon rescuing the prisoner, and that Murray was hanged and shot by them. McBroom was arrested yesterday, and his effort now being bent on discovering the members of the mob.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

The Political Pendulum Swings Towards Curtis' Camp.

One Week Ago It Looked Like Re-election of Mayor Quincy—Aldermanic Causes a Disgrace to Democracy—Latest Thing in Mail Transportation—Morton Farm Worked Out—More Land Needed—Reception to John Daly—Elevated Road Tries Again—Dramatic and Personal.

As the pendulum of the clock swings to and fro, so the trend of political sentiment here seems to move first to one and then to the other of the political leaders. Last week, up to the time of holding the caucuses, things seemed to be going Quincy's way, and even Republicans in private were inclined to concede the probability of his re-election. Then the wave seemed to recede, and the Curtis movement took on a boom that since that time has been growing in force and power. He looks more like a winner than at any time in the race, but there is plenty of time for another change before the day for voting comes around. It is a pretty contest, so far.

The reasons for the apparent change of feeling is not easily explained in full. Perhaps the strongest grounds for the belief that Quincy was ahead one week ago were the unusually heavy registration, the fact that Boston is normally a Democratic city and the usual readiness of the members of that party to vote the straight ticket when they get to the polls. But the Democratic caucuses indicated a much wider breach in the party than was thought possible, while the disgraceful scenes were enough to disgust many conservative men who usually affiliate with the Democracy. This gave the Curtis followers hope and started their campaign with a rush. They have not been stopped yet, and, unless something is done soon, may make a political touchdown.

The aldermanic caucus held by the Democratic delegates was a discredit to the candidates who were endorsed. Men who seek good government would not as a rule be found at a gathering where the Marquis of Queensbury rules were needed to secure something like order. Men often scramble for political honors, but it is disgusting to find them literally fighting for them, and so hotly as to demand the aid of the police to keep the convention from becoming a riot where life and limb would be endangered. The aldermanic caucus will cost the Democratic party many votes and quite probably cause the re-election of the Republican board that by a combination renominated itself.

The latest thing that it is suggested Uncle Sam will do for us to quickly transport our letters to the mail bag is the placing of mail boxes in street cars. This plan is now in operation as an experiment in some western towns, and, if successful there, Boston is to have the advantage of the system. The idea is to enable passengers to confide their messages to Uncle Sam's charge while en route for business, on a shopping tour, or returning home, and have the satisfaction in many instances of knowing that they will be collected at a point that will bring the letter within a block or two of the place of destination. The letter boxes are to be conspicuously displayed on the cars, so that any forgetful man who has left home with a batch of letters intrusted to him by his trusting wife to mail in the city will find a reminder of his mission staring him in the face when he steps aboard the car to go down town. After the reminder, instead of having to walk several blocks and find his way to drop the letters in the mailing box or at the postoffice, it will only be necessary for him to step to the end of the car and deposit them in the receptacle placed there for his convenience.

The scheme, as at present outlined, is to have at regular intervals along the line of travel of the various street cars in cities special stations for the reception of the mail collected on the cars. At these stations collectors are to be on duty, whose business it will be to board the cars as they bowl past the doors, and collect the contents of the mail box. The letters will then be taken to the sub-station, where they will be quickly sorted and transmitted to their destination in the usual way. The postal authorities hope that it will be possible, at any rate with passengers who are capable of being educated to follow the workings of a system, to have letters mailed on the car which goes in the direction in which the letter is destined to travel for delivery—a letter addressed to a downtown man on a car that travels downtown, etc., thus saving a great deal of time and trouble. By this means if the new idea is found to work smoothly, it will be possible to mail a letter on a street car, and have it delivered at its destination with the celerity only obtained in the present state of affairs by affixing a special delivery stamp to the envelope at an extra cost of 10 cents. This system, with the pneumatic tubes soon to be in operation, would give us a service almost perfect.

I have in the past referred in these letters to the use of the Morton farm as a potato garden for the unemployed, and, during its three years of its existence, have commended the idea and its results, but the sequel is almost laughable, and shows the shrewdness of the agriculturist. The poor man given the use of the land and worked it under the direction of superintendents who were alleged to be competent farmers. For three years they have bossed the job, and now they say that the soil has been worked out. In other words, under their professional supervision, three crops have drained the soil of the nourishment potatoes demand, and they must have some new fields to make barren or go out of the business. The idea of annually replacing what they take from the soil never seems to have occurred to them.

In saying this, I have no wish to reflect upon the Industrial Aid society, which has had general charge of the plan to aid the poor. It aims as noble and its work has been beneficial. It last summer assigned 35 lots of land to deserving people, and there is every prospect that more families will take advantage of the scheme next summer. The form of relief offered is beyond criticism, and should be continued, but relief for impoverished land should also be furnished and the men who are paid to take charge of the matter should insist upon it. It is said 50 acres of land could be utilized next year, but if it is secured it should not be worked out in three years.

The Irish societies of Boston and vicinity are making great preparations for the reception of John Daly, the Irish political ex-prisoner, who will speak in the

Boston theater on Sunday evening, Dec. 12. The committee comprises 50 members, representatives of various organizations of a patriotic nature in the city and surrounding localities, while the reception is outlined by an executive committee of eight or 10 well known citizens. There will be a parade on the evening he speaks in Boston. Upwards of a dozen military organizations have tendered their services to do honor to Mr. Daly, who has passed more than 20 years in prison for love of his native land. The Boston board of aldermen unanimously voted Daly the freedom of the city, and thus officially recognized the visit of the man who spurned freedom when he gained it he would be obliged to betray Parnell.

The elevated road people are not discouraged and last week submitted another proposition to the West End Street Railway company for a lease of the latter road by the elevated company for a term of 24 years nine months and 10 days, instead of 30 years, at a rental of 7 1/2 per cent instead of 8, on the common stock. Various other changes of a less radical nature were also made in order to make the new proposition conform more nearly than the first one to the ideas of the railroad commissioners. A meeting of the West End Railway stockholders has been called for Dec. 9 in Tremont temple, but meanwhile the board will be made to have the railroad commissioners express informally their opinion regarding the new lease. The commissioners have been given an almost unanimous support in the position they took upon the first lease, and will scan carefully the second before they give it their approval.

Albert King, the absconding messenger of the Boylston National bank, who, a few months ago, skipped out with \$30,000 of the bank's money, will probably not be prosecuted. After the young man's arrest at Farmington, Me., he was indicted by the federal grand jury and at once admitted to bail. His trial was set down for Dec. 15, but it will not take place. The boy will plead guilty, and the indictment will then be placed on file. Young King was tempted and fell. He never should have been placed in a position where such a crime as he committed was possible, and there will be little of criticism on the leniency shown him by the district attorney.

Boston was invaded on Saturday last by a band of New Hampshire newspaper men, known as an organization as the "Coast club." They came, they ate, they saw and were seen, for Manager Keith took the party under his wing and duly installed them in the box of one of the city's greatest curiosities, Great Peter the Small, who was the leading feature the past season with the great Barnum and Bailey circus. Only 22 inches in height, he weighs but 8 1/2 pounds with his clothes on.

It costs money to be a politician. One of our representatives elect is a confessed embezzler and he states that he took the money to pay his political expenses. He appears to have been elected to go to jail.

It is understood that negotiations are nearly concluded for the appearance in this city of one of the greatest of the world's greatest curiosities, Great Peter the Small, who was the leading feature the past season with the great Barnum and Bailey circus. Only 22 inches in height, he weighs but 8 1/2 pounds with his clothes on.

The Hanlons, with their accustomed liberality, have been spending a good portion of the summer and a goodly supply of coin of the realm on their latest edition of "Superba," their wonderful pantomimic spectacle, which, as usual, will be the Christmas holiday attraction at the Boston theater.

Margaret Mather, who is to be at the Boston theater for two weeks, where she presents an elaborate production of "Cymbeline," is nothing if not unique in her desires. One of the things she is searching for now is a Chinese maid servant.

Monday evening, Feb. 21, will mark the beginning of the season of grand opera in Boston, with the return of the Darnoch opera company to the Boston theater. The engagement is for three weeks, and the operas will be given in French and German.

Francis Wilson and his admirable comic opera company will be at the Tremont theater for Christmas and New Year's weeks. Mr. Wilson's success in "Half a King" last season was enormous.

A proposition to make pictures in the suburban towns about Boston for display in the biograph is being considered by the Keith management, and suggestions as to suitable subjects are solicited.

Nellie McHenry and her company were subjected to a "hooligan" act in last week. The train robber failed to secure any booty, but Miss McHenry captured the miscreant's mask.

Alice Judson has succeeded Nella Bergen as prima donna of De Wolf Hopper's company. Miss Judson was formerly with the Castle Square Opera company.

It is said that Harry B. Smith and Camille d'Arville have metaphorically kissed and made up, and the singer will now probably go on with her season.

Richard Mansfield, in "The Devil's Disciple," will be the attraction that will follow "In Town" at the Hollis Street theater.

Frank Daniels, in "The Idol's Eye," will be at the Tremont the first of the new year.

Laura Burt will be in Boston Jan. 3 with "The Heart of the Klondike," at the Columbia.

"The Belle of New York" will probably return to Boston later in the season. "Hogan's Alley" will be a near attraction at the Columbia. NOD.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 9, '97

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H. T. CADY.

AN AVALANCHE OF MISSTATEMENT.

Misstatement after misstatement proceeds from Mr. Hamer until it is impossible for any fair-minded man to review the record of his charges and believe him both candid and intelligent at the same time. His accusations against the administration and some of his statements about his campaign lead to the conclusion that Mr. Hamer is more desirous to be mayor than to be right. A review of the Hamer charges and statements of the past few days puts Mr. Hamer in a very poor light. Just previous to the Republican city caucuses there emanated from the Hamer camp a hue and cry about the city officials holding back the financial statement of the city's affairs till after election and against the provisions of the charter. The city auditor was attacked as being officially remiss, when he had nothing to do with the matter. The whole object of this cowardly and false charge was to insinuate that there was something dark and dishonest being covered up at city hall by the officials there. THE TRANSCRIPT a day or two later showed that the city treasurer's report—all that was called for by the charter—was prepared and in the printer's hands, and would be given to the public as called for by the charter—as has been done. This false Hamer charge then at once disappeared.

Mr. Hamer and his friends claim that the Republican caucuses were fair—claimed it in the Republican city convention—when it has been proven that a Democrat was elected a delegate to that very convention.

Mr. Hamer has said repeatedly that he has made no promises of office and had not asked anyone to work for him. That statement we cannot believe, for the evidence of too many honest men is against it.

In the last city council meeting Mr. Hamer either talked of matters of which he was ignorant or about which he wished to mislead. For instance, when he held that the city could make abouters pay a share for macadamizing the same as for paving and that the council had to be consulted in the one case the same as in the other. This was untrue.

Again, when in that same city council meeting he said, "When the Arnold Print works give \$2,500, it is doing no more nor as much as would be required of any butchers in the city where such improvements are being made," his statement was absolutely untrue without any foundation in law or fact. No abutter (except the Arnold Print works) has offered, or could be made to pay, one cent of the expense of macadamizing any street. Was Mr. Hamer ignorant or wilfully at fault in his statements?

Again, in that same council meeting, Mr. Hamer made the very serious charge that Commissioner Hunter and the Arnold Print works were in collusion about being the \$2,500 appropriated for macadamizing, before it was appropriated. Yet this money was appropriated in March and the \$2,500 additional was not offered by the Arnold Print works till five months afterwards.

Again, in Monday night's council meeting Mr. Hamer attacked a respectable firm of contractors in this city as though it were a nest of sharks and skinners. He did not know that an adjoining town and the state had paid Lally & Co. more for the same kind of work under like conditions than the city paid them for work in the Union. He made charges as to fact that are proven false by a communication from Mr. Haskins printed on this page today.

The record of Mr. Hamer's misstatements for even a few days is a long one. His campaign is founded on misstatement. As that such misstatement is not always a result of ignorance seems proven by the facts connected with the scheme of the salary grab. Advocated by the Hamer press, a petition for it circulated by Hamer men in Mr. Hamer's own ward and Mr. Hamer conferring with Clerk Brooker about bringing the \$2,000 mayor's

salary order before the council, and yet denying any knowledge or part in it on the day of the council meeting.

Merry Clay once said: "I would rather be right than be president." Does the evidence show that Mr. Hamer's bosom thrills with any such sentiment?

THAT SALARY GRAB SCHEME.

What has become of the plan to increase the salary for mayor to \$2,000 so suddenly sprung on the city from the Hamer-Parker-Hoxie-Keyes-Barber camp? Was it not advertised as a measure to allow a "poor man" to serve his city? Was it not upheld for a day as a measure of unselfish principles? Was not the \$2,000 salary petition circulated by Hamer men in Ward 1? Did not Mr. Hamer (who said Monday he knew nothing of the plan to bring the matter before the council) confer with Clerk Brooker on the same day as to its introduction into the last council meeting?

What did Mr. Willis have to say to his chief clerk in a room just outside the council chamber Monday night about the effect of bringing the \$2,000 salary scheme before the council? Did his remarks discourage Mr. Hamer in his advocacy of the \$2,000 a year principle? Was Mr. Hamer swayed from the path of principle and duty?

Why this silence about the Hamer salary-grab scheme? Why has this battle for a \$2,000 principle been eschewed so suddenly? Why don't Mr. Hamer arise and explain how it was that he denied any knowledge of the \$2,000 salary scheme on the very same day that he was conferring with the city clerk about its introduction into the council and his henchmen were circulating a petition for it in his own ward? Why this dead silence about a \$2,000 principle?

THE LICENSE VOTE TUESDAY.

At Tuesday's municipal elections in this state there were many surprises in the license vote, and the results show that the "yes" and "no" vote vibrates from year to year. Brockton, Gloucester and Haverhill leave the no-license column for that of license. It is the first time in 19 years that Brockton has voted "yes," and the vote is so close that a recount may be expected. The result shows a change of 487 votes in favor of "yes." The next biggest surprise was that of Fall River, where the anti-saloon men increased their vote by over 2100, and the "yes" vote fell off by 572, showing a total gain for "no" of nearly 2700 votes, while a plurality of more than 8700 was cast down to one of 1034 for "yes."

Third on the list came Somerville, proverbially a strong no-license community, where, although the no-license men increased their vote by 127, the astonishing increase of 1100 votes was shown for "yes."

The fishermen have returned, and Gloucester no longer goes "dry," replacing a plurality of 109 for "no" by one of 520 for "yes," a change of 938 votes. Besides these instances, "no" gains in Fitchburg, Malden, Newton, Waltham and Pittsfield. "Yes" gains also in Lawrence, Malden, Taunton, Newton and Northampton.

HIS WORD IS GOOD.

H. T. Cady has said to the people of North Adams: "If elected I shall give to the affairs of the city my own best efforts." That pledge coming from Mr. Cady is enough. Back of it is 30 years of honorable and successful business life in this city. Back of it is the character of a man whose word is as good as his bond. Back of it is a man who does his own thinking and makes it his rule to do what he believes is right. His own best efforts used in behalf of the city will insure as good an administration as this city can have.

Misstatement!

That constitutes Hamer argument.

Will Mr. Hamer arise and explain some of his statements about the Union work?

Mr. Hamer had better get out a Lagerre affidavit sustaining the truth of his council charges and insinuation.

Mr. Hamer might reflect after reading THE TRANSCRIPT tonight that it would be better not to know so much than to know so much that wasn't so.

Non-partisanship seems to have been supreme in strongly Republican cities yesterday, and the number of Democratic mayors is large.—Boston Record.

Yes. And in North Adams the Democrats will help to elect a mayor of the opposite party, but who stands for the honor of the city and puts his honor above the dictation of dishonest caucuses.

The dynamite gun is in the world to stay till swords and spears have become agricultural implements. The official Spanish report of the capture of the town of Gussas by the insurgents states that 72 dynamite shots were fired from a single pneumatic gun and each shot wrought fearful havoc, the cannonade practically destroying the town and killing 800 men. It is becoming evident to military men that the dynamite gun is the most powerful weapon yet devised for the slaughter of human beings.

There is a minister in Springfield by the name of Watkins who is indeed a wheel and may soon be on the run—out of the city. In his pulpit one Sunday evening last year he preached a sermon entitled "Sunshine from Between the Wheels," in which he advertised, as per agreement for a new wheel, a certain make, recommending it to his audience. His sermon reached its spiritual climax when he triumphantly exclaimed: "I now inaugurate on a Columbia model 41." There is more danger in wheels than comes of taking "headers." Rev. Watkins had better use his wheel in getting out of Springfield.

The Parker-Keyes-Hoxie crowd show great solicitation for the Republican party's safety in this city. Are they the Republican party? Were their packed caucuses binding Republican caucuses? Supposing this part of the Republican party in this city should "split" off, and there were no more "Republicans" of this type to stab a man like Judge Lawrence in his own city or carry Republican caucuses by Democratic votes, would the loss be insupportable to the Republican party of North Adams? They are just the kind of party men who always talk of "splitting the party." The sooner they split off the better.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Another Hamer Misstatement Nailed.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—In the Hamer-Parker-Keyes-Hoxie-Barber organ of December 7 my attention was called to an article about the so-called "Hamer Search Light." I have seen a number of Mr. Hamer's statements before in regard to the administration of the city of North Adams in which I think he has stretched the truth greatly. I do not wish to occupy much space, and will not therefore go into details. I will simply take Mr. Hamer's minority report of December 6, 1897, in which he says there were no teams employed on the Union except Mr. Lally's. I had my teams at work on the Union for about three weeks' time and know of several other men's teams that were there, and I did not see Mr. Lally's teams but seldom on the work.

Each teamster on the job was required to have a book in which he had to have the weight of each load registered as they were drawn during the day, and then return the book to Lally & Co. every evening, and if the required number of loads had been drawn they were given credit for a day's work. The weighing was done at Mr. Sykes' scales.

I have had dealings with Mr. Lally personally and with Lally & Co. in doing this class of work for a number of years and have always found their books and money matters correct. I personally know that many contractors do work for a percentage of the actual cost of the work, the rate being fixed by the nature of the work done and wear and tear upon the teams and machinery employed.

J. C. HASKINS.

Could See Montreal From Mt. Greylock

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—Passing up the beautiful valley on the Deerfield river, with all its lovely scenery and pleasant villages, one leaves the river and passes through Hoosac Tunnel to North Adams from there down the valley to Adams at the foot of old Greylock.

Did you ever stop and think, you people of Adams, what a beautiful and grand mountain it is as it stands out with all its brightness on a winter morning. In conversation with a stranger he turned to me and said, "Do you see that mountain in the distance? That is old Greylock and from the top of that mountain, with a powerful glass, I can see Montreal, my old home." Could it be true, what he told me with all earnestness, tears gathering in his eyes. I said to him, "Have you friends in that city?" He said: "I have a dear old mother living there. All the rest are dead. I am poor and unable to go and see her, but God in His great kindness has given me this happy thought. I can climb that rugged mountain on a pleasant day and take one longing look at that far distant city, my old home. If I could see my dear old mother once more I should be happy."

How many sons and daughters that have gone out from good New England homes, tossed hither and thither on the sea of life, could take one more look at the old home and that dear old mother who has watched over them from the cradle, and who still prays for God's watchful care over them. You may not be able to climb Mount Greylock and see your old home but you can keep a loving thought in your heart for that dear old mother, humble though she be, the best friend you will find in this life.

J. H. HOUSTON.

Adams, Mass., December 8.

READS LIKE A ROMANCE

Career of the Boy Currency Comptroller.

THE RESULT OF A SLIP OF THE PEN.

Why the Young Man Was Put on His Mettle—Mr. Wellman Pays a High Tribute to Young Eckels—His Successor in Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—[Special.]—Comptroller Eckels of the treasury department has sent his resignation to the president, and will retire in a few days to take the presidency of a bank in Chicago. Mr. Eckels is the best of the important officials of the Cleveland administration to get out of the government under the present Republican regime. He retires voluntarily, his term not expiring till next March. It is not generally known that the term of office of a comptroller of the currency is five years, and the incumbent is not removable by the president except for reasons given in writing, which must be submitted to the senate. Congress wisely provided that this most important office should be at least this far removed from political action. President McKinley would have been glad to have Mr. Eckels remain till next March, and might even have gone so far as to have reappointed him, but Mr. Eckels wished to go into private business. He gives up a salary of about \$5,000 a year as an officer of the government to take a salary of \$20,000 a year as the president of a bank.

Eckels' Successor. Mr. Eckels' successor is Charles Gates Davies of Illinois, also a young man. He is almost as youthful looking as the retiring comptroller, who was spotted as a boy when he first came to Washington. Mr. Eckels' youthful appearance led to the telling of many stories about him, some of which were truthful and some of which were not. The comptroller does not deny that an important government official once called on him at his office and asked to see Mr. Eckels. "My name is Eckels," said the comptroller. "But I wanted to see your father, sonny," replied the visitor.

Mr. Eckels also admits that it is true he has at various times had difficulty in making people believe in his identity while traveling about the country. For instance, he was once invited to make a speech at a small town in a head of trade in a New England city. It was shortly after his appointment, and he was not as well known then as he is now. When he made his entrance to the hall where the dinner was to be given, and asked to be shown to the seat reserved for him, the young men in charge of the seating politely but firmly informed him that he was carrying the joke too far; that "no kid like him could run himself in on them as a singer." Mr. Eckels explained in some detail with a

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smile on his face that he was the only and original Eckels, "the boy comptroller," and he was escorted to his seat with profound apologies.

A Romantic Career.

The Washington career of James H. Eckels reads almost like a romance. He was really appointed to his office through a mistake made by Mr. Cleveland. The late president intended to appoint Eckels to be comptroller of the treasury department, which is quite a different office from comptroller of the currency. The former has to do with warrants drawn upon the treasury. It is the duty of the comptroller to see that they are in accordance with law, and that there is authority for their payment. While it is an important office, now and then being called upon to make decisions which mean a good deal to the government and to individuals, it does not compare with the comptrollership of the currency. The incumbent of this office has under his direct charge the great national banking system of the country, with its almost infinitely important relations to the prosperity of the people.

When by a slip of the pen Mr. Cleveland nominated Mr. Eckels for the latter office when he had intended to name him for the former, he decided, in Mr. Cleveland's characteristic fashion, to let it stand. Eckels was then a young lawyer of LaSalle, Ill. He and his partner had helped William C. Whitney swing the Illinois delegation in line for Cleveland at the Chicago convention of 1892. He was a pretty good lawyer, and might have made a good law officer of the treasury department, but he knew nothing about finance. So, when the president decided to let him stay in the office in which a mistake had put him, the young man was put on his mettle.

A Popular Official.

His success there shows what a young American of brains and determination can do. He studied finance from morning till night. He familiarized himself with the financial and banking systems of this and other countries. No man ever worked harder than Mr. Eckels did during those first few months of his incumbency of the office. The result was that when the panic came on and banks began to fail and troubles to accumulate the young comptroller knew his business. He handled it, too, with order and confidence. He won the confidence and admiration of the financial and business world. He handled a greater number of bank failures, with large liabilities and assets, than any former comptroller had ever done and larger than any similar government official had ever done in the history of the world. The responsibility was great, but he met it admirably, and it is now a common saying among men of both parties that Mr. Eckels has made the best comptroller the government ever had.

The popularity of the boy comptroller may be judged by the fact that he has had a greater number of invitations to speak at dinners and conventions throughout the country than any other official of the government. He has, too, been more often asked to write articles for the reviews and magazines, and the amount of work of this nature which he has turned out is something marvelous. In all these ways he has made himself a power in the world of thought. Congress asked him to address committees, and men of both parties listened to him in admiration. President McKinley and Secretary Gage have valued his advice. Such is the story of "the boy comptroller."—WALTER WELLMAN.

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W. B. Arnold.
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John E. Magenis.
Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office Kim
ball block, Main street, North Adams.

William H. Thatcher.
Attorney and counselor at law. Office Room 5,
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McKee, associate attorney in North Adams. Office
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by the WAY.

Are you anticipating a trip to
spend the Holidays with your friends
or relatives? If not why not pur-
chase a useful present. You will
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Consisting of
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Just the thing for a Holiday Present.
Give me a call.

F. J. BARBER,
Manufacturer,
19 CHESTNUT STREET.

The Berkshire National Bank of North
Adams.

The annual meeting of the stockholders
of the Berkshire National Bank will be
held at their banking house in North Adams
on

Tuesday, the 11th Day of January
next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the follow-
ing purposes, to-wit:

First, to choose directors for the ensu-
ing year.

Second, to transact any other business
that may legally come before the meeting.

W. W. BUTLER, Cashier.
North Adams, Mass., Dec. 6, 1796.

BARGAIN DAY

Saturday Only.

Peppermint and Watergreen Cream Wafers
Lager Cake and Dainties Cake at 10c each.

McNeill, Caterer

HERE IS THE RECORD.

Public Improvements Made in One Year. Facts Which Will Worry Hamer.

The insinuations against the depart-
ment of public works and against the ad-
ministration that is contained in all the
letters from the Hamer camp about the
lateness of the beginning of the public
works are well met with the record of the
year's accomplishment by the public
works department and leaves the Hamer
men without grounds for a truthful un-
favorable argument.

A sample of the insinuations referred to
was found in the speech by the
famous Hamer quartet—Daniel
and Ira, John and Elmer made in St. Jean
Baptiste hall at the first public Hamer
meeting on the evening of November 11.
In that speech Daniel, the senior member,
said that if Mr. Hamer were elected
mayor he would begin the public work
in the spring and not in the fall. Could
Hamer, himself, or Daniel, or Ira, or John,
or even Elmer do more than superintend
the sharpening of the picks for the vast
amount of work that is here noted?

More than half as much sewer built in
two years than was built in all the town's
history before. New bridges built and
old ones repaired and set up at great
expense and increased safety to life and
property. Two streets permanently
paved, thousands of feet of curbing laid,
thousands of yards of new sidewalk
built, thousands of yards of macadam
made, over a mile of water main laid
and all this outside the work of general
repairing of the highways and the almost
innumerable small jobs that take so much
time. This list of public work is authen-
tic. It was made as a report by the city
engineer to the mayor.

Here it is and remember it is the record
of nothing but this year's work!

Macadam.
On Union street from the upper bridge
to a point near the end of the Bellows
mill about 473 square yards. The state
has made a small amount of macadam
along the new Williamstown road from
its junction with the old board of the
first bridge.

Bridge Work.
The new Phoenix bridge and abutments
nearly completed. New bridge and
abutments at Greylock for water pipe
nearly completed. Old Phoenix bridge
repaired and taken to the Hodge crossing
and placed on new abutments. The bridge
on the Tunnel road placed on old abut-
ments. Repairs of floors and needle

beams of the bridges about town as need-
ed. The old covered bridge near Greylock
closed on account of its unsafe condition.

Culverts.
One new culvert on the Tunnel road,
two on the Adams road and several re-
laid and repaired as needed.

Sewers.
Surface water sewers an aggregate
length of 4770 feet in 12 different lines.
Domestic sewers, an aggregate length of
14,033 feet in 31 different lines. Three
sewers aggregating 1605 feet were built
under the supervision of the department
of public works at private expense. Total
length of sewer built 20,403 feet, or nearly
five miles.

This total length of sewer laid added to
the amount laid last year makes a total
of nearly eight miles in the two years.
This is more than 54 per cent of the total
length of sewer laid in the city prior to
January 1896, excepting the main trunk sewers laid in
1891 there has been laid in these two years
a length nearly 62 per cent of the aggre-
gate length of all that had been laid in
the city prior to 1896.

The sewers this year have been laid in
43 different lines beside laterals. The lat-
erals have an aggregate length of about
4,429 feet, the expense of which has all
been charged to the sewer account.

Some sewers have been laid that were
not anticipated at the time of making the
estimates. Of these the storm water
sewer in Montgomery street and the one
on Union have been the most expensive,
the latter particularly so on account of
the difficult diggings and complications in
water, gas and sewer lines and laterals.

Water Mains.
About 1,000 feet of 12-inch pipe.
About 2,110 feet of 10-inch pipe.
About 2,875 feet of 8-inch pipe.
About 5,280 feet of 6-inch pipe.
About 6,000 feet of 4-inch pipe.
Total, 17,265 feet, or more than three
miles.

Sidewalks.
Sidewalks, 5,042 square yards of new
walk and 1,806 square yards of repaired
walks.

Curbing.
About 10,525 lineal feet.

Paving.
Brick paving on Main street, 7,447
square yards. Granite paving on Mar-
shall street, 3,200 square yards.

ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED.

Many Words of Warm Encouragement
Given the Larger Transcript.

The new enlarged and improved DAILY
TRANSCRIPT was enthusiastically received
and got many compliments last evening
on its first appearance, not only in North
Adams, but in Adams, Williamstown and
other adjoining towns. The receipt
already of a number of new subscribers
indicates that the efforts of THE TRAN-
SCRIPT to give this territory the compleat-
est and best daily newspaper in Western
Massachusetts, outside of Springfield, will
be generously supported by the people.
North Adams deserves, as the most enter-
prising and progressive city of Massachu-
setts, this splendid daily paper as its
representative. Every citizen interested
in the matter of supporting the most
creditable paper that any city in New
England of the size of North Adams has,
will give evidence of this interest by
becoming regular subscribers of the same.
Don't be satisfied with occasional copies
from newsboys. Take it regularly every
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The eight-page TRANSCRIPT will have
every afternoon all the local news, the
latest news by telegraph, a daily letter
from Washington and one from New
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livered. Give orders to the newsboy or
send them to THE TRANSCRIPT for regu-
lar delivery of the paper.

BROKE HIS LEG.

A Boy Frightened by a Dog Falls
Down Stairs and is Injured.

Theodore Moseley, a lad 14 years old,
met with a bad accident this morning. He
was peddling bills on Brooklyn street and
was about to enter the home of George
Fountain, when a dog came out of the
door and frightened him. He slipped on
the step and fell down a long flight of
stairs. His left leg was broken below the
knee. Dr. Mignault attended, and the
boy is now at the hospital.

Husband is Missing.

Mrs. Charles Reese of 51 Church street
called at the police station and told Chief
Kendall that her husband is missing. He
left home December 4 and has not been
heard of since. A search for the missing
man will be begun at once.

District Court.

The following cases were disposed of in
court this morning:
Daniel McCarthy, drunk, fined \$5.
An inquest on the death of Joseph Gil-
man, who was struck by an electric car
and died at the hospital, was also held.

Christmas Number.

The New York Herald, Christmas num-
ber, will be out Sunday, December 13,
1897, and will be a triumph of art and
journalism. It is a collection of the best
features, Christmas stories, pictures,
poem, by world renowned artists and
poets. Most complete and attractive
holiday edition ever published. For sale
by

THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE.

The Iron Work Completed. Ready for
Travel Week After Next.

The iron work on the Main street bridge
is done and the men have left town. The
painting of the bridge is also nearly com-
pleted. The next work to be done is to
build a wall at each end of the bridge and
grade up the approaches. Whitney Bros.
will build the walls and their derricks
are already on the ground. While this
work is in progress the bridge will be
planked. Only one sidewalk
that on the north side of the
bridge, will be planked. It is thought
that will answer the purpose this winter
and in the spring the bridge will be com-
pleted. The plank are sawed and ready
for delivery as soon as wanted. The water
main has been placed under the bridge
and the gas mains and connections are
now being attended to. This work will
be done by Monday. The bridge will
probably not be open to travel until week
after next.

Near each end of the bridge is a large
plate bearing this inscription: "1897.
Built by the Berlin Iron and Bridge com-
pany, East Berlin, Conn. for the city of
North Adams, Hon. A. C. Houghton,
mayor; Col. John Bracewell, president of
the city council; James B. Hunter, com-
missioner of public works; John H.
Emigh, city engineer; Charles F. Stowell,
consulting engineer."

The bridge is a very substantial struc-
ture and when completed it will be an
ornament and a credit to the city.

WILLIAM J. BARTLETT.

Prominent Paper Manufacturer of Lee
and a Forceful Lay Preacher Dead.

William J. Bartlett, 72, a well known
business man and lay preacher in Berk-
shire, died suddenly at Lee Wednesday
morning after a few days' illness of pneu-
monia.

Mr. Bartlett entered the employ of
Platner & Smith 55 years ago, and soon
rose to be head accountant, and with the
succeeding firm, the Smith Paper com-
pany, he had been these many years at
the head of their business, a member of
the firm and well known to the paper
trade throughout the world. His first
labor for Platner & Smith was the copy-
ing of a letter, April 18, 1843, and this copy
William Smith has hung in his office
in a frame.

John Williams.

Word was received Wednesday an-
nouncing the death of John Williams at
the home of his daughters at Providence,
R. I. Mr. Williams is well known in this
community where he has many relatives
and friends. He was for many years a
respected resident of Braytonville, having
raised a family in that place. The de-
ceased was 74 years of age and is survived
by two sons, John Williams of Lynn, and
Price Williams of Norwich, Conn., also
two daughters, Mary and Sarah Williams
of Providence, R. I., with whom he lived.
The remains will be brought to this city
Saturday on the 12:30 train for interment
in Hillside cemetery.

A meeting of the Berkshire Hills
commanery of the United Order of the
Golden Cross, will be held in Odd Fel-
lows' hall at 8 o'clock this evening.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE.

Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Nov. 15, 1897.
Trains leave North Adams going East—11:37,
12:18, 7:23, 9:08, a. m., 1:12, 4:01, 5:55,
6:50, p. m.
Going West—7:30, 10:08, a. m., 12:20, 1:24,
6:00, 10:08, 11:46, 12:30, 6:40, p. m.
Train Arrive From East—10:08, a. m., 12:10, 1:24,
6:00, 12:05, 11:46, 12:30 p. m.
From West—11:37, 12:18, 7:23, 9:08, 1:12, 4:01,
5:55, 6:50, p. m.
a. Sun Daily, except Monday.
b. Sun Daily, Sunday included.
c. Sunday only.

New York Central R. R.

HAMLEN DIVISION.
Leave North Adams via B. & A. R. R. for New
York City 6:50 a. m., arrive N. Y. City 11:53 a. m.;
Leave North Adams 9:25 a. m., arrive N. Y. City
4:25 p. m.; Leave North Adams 8:50 p. m., arrive
N. Y. City 1:45 p. m. Sunday train leaves North
Adams 1:50 p. m., arrive N. Y. City 8:30 p. m.
Fast Pittsfield and North Adams special trains
leave N. Y. City at 9:00 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.
daily except Sundays, arriving in North Adams
at 2:30 p. m. and 8:45 p. m. Sunday train
leaves N. Y. City at 1:45 a. m., arrives North
Adams 4:30 p. m. F. C. Wolfe, General Agent,
Albany, N. Y.

Boston & Maine Railroad.

AT GREENFIELD.
For Springfield, Northampton, and Holyoke 6:29
7:30, 10:40, 11:15 a. m., 1:00, 3:02, 4:12, 5:20 p. m.
Sundays 6:29, 8:40 a. m., For Deerfield, Whately
and Southfield, 7:10, 11:15 a. m., 1:00, 4:12 p. m.
Sundays 6:40 a. m.
For South Vernon Junction, 8:55, 10:52 a. m.,
1:25, 3:30, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:30 a. m.,
1:25, 3:30, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50 a. m.,
1:25, 3:30, 4:54, 9:15 p. m.
For Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, and Windsor,
10:22 a. m., 1:25, 4:54, 9:15 p. m. Sundays 4:50 a. m.,
1:25, 3:30, 4:54, 9:15 p. m.
For stations between White River Junction
and Lyndonville, 10:22 a. m., 1:25, 4:54, 9:15 p. m.
For Newport and Sherbrooke, 10:22 a. m., 9:15 p. m.

Stages

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J. F. FAULKNER, Proprietor.
Leave Post Office, North Adams 1:30 p. m.
Leave Post Office, Readsboro, 8 a. m.

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work.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Barnard & Co. began trimming their
windows for the holidays today.

—E. M. Dickinson, the jeweler, has
issued and is now circulating a large edi-
tion of a handsome illustrated catalogue of
holiday gifts.

—The underground cables for the New
England Telephone company have ar-
rived and the work of drawing them into
the conduits, which were laid some time
ago, will begin very soon, probably Fri-
day.

—Long-distance telephones have been
placed in Beer & Dowlin's office, F. J.
Harrington's grocery store on Eagle
street and E. A. Rand & Co.'s office at
Ashland street. Mr. Harrington's store is
a pay station.

—Mrs. C. H. Turner of Blackinton and
Miss Blanche Millard of this city will hold
their exhibition and sale of decorated
china next Saturday at the home of Miss
Millard, 9 Church street, from 9 a. m. un-
til 10 p. m. The public are invited to at-
tend.

—William A. Holmes died Wednesday
at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
William Holmes, 15 Bryant street, in his
21st year. His death was caused by ty-
phoid fever. The funeral will be attended
from St. John's church Friday afternoon
at 2:30 o'clock.

—John Williams, aged 77 years, died in
Providence, R. I., Wednesday afternoon
and the remains will be brought to this
city Saturday for interment, arriving on
the 12:10 p. m. train from the east. He
leaves two sons and two daughters, and
also relatives in Blackinton whom he
visited last summer.

—Miss Griswold and Mrs. Anderson
will have an exhibition and sale of ar-
twork and decorated china on Wed-
nesday, December 15, at Miss Griswold's
rooms, 20 Summer street. The rooms will
be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., and ladies
interested in such work will be well re-
paid by a visit to them on the date named.

—When on the mountain south of Bray-
tonville a few days ago Parley Worthing
saw a deer with two hounds on its trail.
The deer ran in a northerly direction and
disappeared in a ravine. Mr. Worthing
thinks it crossed the flats to the north
mountain. The hounds seemed confused
when they struck a wet meadow and had
evidently lost the trail.

—Lieutenant Colonel Cozens of Boston,
who is in charge of the New England
division of the Salvation Army, will be in
town Monday and will address a meeting
to be held at the Methodist church in the
evening. A child of Captain Reed of the
local corps will be consecrated to the
work of the army at this meeting. A
large attendance is expected.

—Marshall street has been opened to
the public. In the spring it will be in-
spected by Latty & Co., the contractors
who laid the paving, and repairs will be
made where needed. There was a little
more grouting to be done when winter
set in, but the street could not be kept
closed all winter and it is believed it will
suffer very little from use.

—The managers of the Marshall street
rescue mission have been fortunate in se-
curing the services of Mrs. Hitchcock and
daughter, Grace, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in
the opening of their winter series of gos-
pel services. A cordial invitation is ex-
tended to all to attend these services, and
a rare opportunity is afforded to listen to
the preaching of the word, by these Evan-
gelists. Services every evening from this
date at 7:30.

—A copy of a recent issue of The Golden
Star, a North Adams publication in pen
and ink work, has come to this office. It
has attracted much attention of THE
TRANSCRIPT force. The paper has the
following juvenile publishers: Margaret
Brown, editor-in-chief; Leah Curtis, as-
sistant editor; Helen Curtis, treasurer;
Christine Ward, secretary; Paul Curtis,
reporter. The current number has eight
fools cap, three-column pages written in
a bold hand. There are a number of
harrowing short stories, a poet's corner,
an obituary notice of Sir Isaac Newton, a
disertation on witchcraft, the history of
a snow fort Massachusetts, etc. One of
the local items reads: "Land has been
discovered at the South pole and the
North Adams Literary club will visit it as
fast as possible." It is a remarkable
journal.

William A. Johnson of New York
travelling passenger agent of the South-
ern Railway was in the city today on
business.

John Coughter is the guest of friends
in Pittsfield.

SHOE FACTORY SOLD

Weber Bros. Gain Control
of the W. C. Cady Holden
Street Concern.

POSSESSION EARLY NEXT YEAR

The Deal Was Made Some Weeks Ago
and Only Leaked Out Today.
Parties Concerned De-
cline to Talk About
the Sale.

It was learned on good authority today
that the W. C. Cady Holden street shoe
factory had been sold to Weber Bros.,
of this city, some weeks ago and that the
new owners would take possession early
next year.

It was stated that the firm which will
conduct the factory after it has passed
from the hands of Mr. Cady will be com-
posed of the Weber Bros. and Mr. Casey,
who was superintendent of the Sampson
factory. Mr. Casey has not been engaged
for over a year. He will become part
owner, if not half owner of the Holden
street business and will be the superin-
tendent of the factory. The new firm
will get possession as soon as this season's
goods now in hand in the factory are fin-
ished.

It is understood that Weber Bros. are
forced to buy a factory to meet the de-
mands of their market. They have been
buying largely of the output of the Hol-
den street factory and could dispose of
the whole of it.

Weber Bros. and W. C. Cady were seen
today and refused to talk about the deal.
W. C. Cady, when asked to deny or con-
firm the report that the deal had been
made, said he would not talk about it now.

A New England Home.

"A New England Home," will be the
attraction at Columbia opera house to-
night. Harry LeMay, the star, is spoken
of as the only rival of Neil Burgess.
The play is a very pretty picture of New
England life and is full of comedy. The
supporting company is a good one.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Col. and Mrs. John Bracewell went to
Troy Wednesday afternoon to attend a
wedding.

Dr. Wallace E. Brown is in New York
on business.

Rev. Messrs Sherry and Purcell of
Greenfield came to this city Wednesday
afternoon to visit Rev. Mr. Tyrell of Wor-
cester, who is ill at the home of his
father.

Louis N. Lucier has resigned his posi-
tion with N. B. Flood & Co., and has gone
to the Albany business college for a spe-
cial course of study.

Mrs. Henry Savage of the Idlewild,
South Williamstown, is the guest of
friends in this city.

BLACKINTON.

The second of the series of receptions
given by the young society people of this
vicinity will take place in Temperance
hall Friday evening.

Vincent Reynolds, who received an in-
jury to one of his eyes a short time ago by
a fall, is rapidly recovering, and it is
thought no serious results will follow.

The sale of the Owens brick yard did
not include the tenements on the north
side of the river. They still belong to the
Owens estate.

It is very gratifying to patrons of the
electric road to learn that the manage-
ment are arranging for better and quicker
service between Williamstown and North
Adams. The new cars ordered have ar-
rived in part and will complete the line
of the road and car barn the same
of the road are to receive the very best
service it is possible

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Local News!

NORTH POWNALL.

Many farmers are feeling a little blue as the burning of the saw mill and chair factory at North Petersburgh, N. Y., has 600 them without pay for logs sold and several other bills, including board that remains unpaid.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Pookham received the sad news of the death of their daughter's husband, Earl Rosenkranz, Saturday. The funeral was held Sunday.

Mr. McMillan of Albany, N. Y., is filling the vacancy of principal in the graded school caused by the poor health of Mr. Pattison, who had to return to his home.

A crazy supper will be served Saturday evening at Wesleyan hall by the ladies of the M. E. societies. Proceeds are to go for the benefit of the S. D. school intending to purchase presents for the little ones to be given them at the Christmas tree.

An old folk's concert will be given here in Wesleyan hall about Christmas. This entertainment promises to be very fine.

STAMFORD.

Christmas exercises will be held in the Baptist church Friday evening, December 21, and in the Methodist church Saturday evening, December 22, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Roberts has returned from her visit to her children in Housatonic and Glendale.

The Y. P. M. B. met Tuesday in the Methodist church.

Mr. Maussert is erecting several new ice houses near the reservoir.

The Father Light's society are preparing an entertainment to be given in the town hall in the near future.

Dr. Nichols has sold his hill farm to Norman Miner, who is to move on to it.

Rev. William Stocking of White Oaks was in town last week canvassing for the TRANSCRIPT.

We will need to be on the lookout for bears if all the reports are true.

The primary school commenced Monday and the grammar school a day later.

Work is now being done on the steeple to the Baptist church.

CHARLEMONT.

Mrs. C. B. Mayhew, Miss A. M. Maxwell and Miss Mary S. Tyler attended the Mayhew-Thurber wedding at Shelburne Falls last week Wednesday evening.

The selectmen have constructed an iron bridge across Cold river in the Glensid district.

By the death of Charles H. Leavitt of East Charlemont, the town loses a very worthy citizen.

John Gerry has bought the Jonas Maxwell farm and has a number of Italians cutting off the wood and timber. Mr. Gerry is a large dealer in wood.

Miss May Worden has returned from Jacksonville where she has been visiting her sisters.

The Charlemont creamery made 2300 pounds of butter last week.

Not a deer or bear has been caught up to date, but deer have been seen and bear tracked.

C. E. Richards, who has been sick with the grip the past two weeks, is now able to walk out.

John H. Bushnell has purchased a fine driving horse.

Mrs. Kate Upson Clark of Brooklyn, N. Y., made her annual, the Misses Maxwell a short visit last week.

Business at the wool factory is rushing. It now employs 25 men and has large orders ahead for their wares.

The last lot of winter apples were loaded and shipped this week, \$2.50 per barrel.

SAVOY.

About 23 of the young friends of Miss Idella Ford gave her a surprise on the evening of December 1, it being her eighteenth birthday. They indulged in dancing to the music of Elwin McCulloch's violin and Fred Harris' banjo. Prompting was by Area Burnett. Refreshments were served.

Misses Alice Kemp, Ada Baker and Jennie Sweet of the Briar, attended church at the New State Sunday.

It is pleasant to report Mrs. A. E. Bliss as gaining.

Merle Miner has gone to work for Frank Whitehead in Florida.

S. T. Blanchard is having an attack of rheumatism.

Medical men say rheumatism is the forerunner of heart disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism by its action on the blood.

HOOSAC TUNNEL.

The girls who were requested to "hurry up" in last week's issue are very thankful for the advice, but the correspondent should remember that though the partying season will soon be over, the snoring of hawks is not prohibited during the whole year.

F. S. Rice, who has been sick for the past week, is much improved.

Misses Annie and Elizabeth, 7 women of North Adams spent Sunday at home.

School opened Monday with Miss Gibson as teacher.

NORTH HEATH.

Frank Stetson goes this week to Charlemont to work for Charles Sherman.

Mrs. Charles Smith has taken the two motherless children of Edgar White to care for a time.

The selectmen met the petitioners at I. C. Tuttle's last Saturday for a new road from I. C. Tuttle's through land of Tuttle and George Stetson and Mrs. Daniel Gale. The route was examined and thoroughly discussed and the decision of the selectmen was reserved.

There was a very pleasant surprise party met at J. W. Stetson's last Friday evening of Frank Stetson's associates and a happy evening was passed.

J. V. Stetson and C. J. Eager placed a telephone in Dr. Bowker's office at Charlemont to connect with the Heath telephone line last Thursday.

The rain of Saturday night was a very heavy one. The ground was just white before the rain, but there is not snow enough for sleighing now.

MEYER SCHOENFELD.

WHAT THE GREATER NEW YORK IS TALKING ABOUT.

The Present Leader of the Garment Workers and His Desire to Leave Labor Agitation to Others—The Contract System. Schoenfeld's Close Study of Newspapers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—[Special.]—Meyer Schoenfeld, who has just struck the clockmakers, the "gun" makers, the cannockers and all sorts of allied trades federated under the general title of the United Garment Workers, not only in New York, but in many other cities of late years, and is now in charge of the late garment workers' headquarters on Orchard street, looks a good deal more like a fairly successful young business man than an agitator. He has been trying to get out of the labor movement for a long time, and two or three years ago finally believed he had finally succeeded.

At that time he opened a small coal and insurance office somewhere up town, left the union and announced to his friends that hereafter they must take care of their own disputes with their employers.

Forced to Manage a Strike.

Schoenfeld undoubtedly meant just what he said, but when the last big strike of garment workers was inaugurated without his advice and consent, and, in fact, I believe, without his knowledge, he found himself by the contractors unless they had a competent leader, went to him begging almost literally on their knees and actually with copious tears that he would put himself again at their head. For a full day they entreated him in vain, but at last, although he understood full well that to do so meant serious injury to his modest little business, from which he had just begun to recover, he gave in, and went down into Orchard street and assumed command of an almost hopeless fight. For weeks he hardly left the scene of battle, and although the final result was favorable to the men, it was purchased very dearly by Schoenfeld, who found himself on the verge of nervous prostration at the last.

His present task is a far more difficult one even than that which he was then forced to undertake. It is now the full season and there is no strike, but 5,000 or 6,000 workers are already without employment, and by the first of the year their number will be anywhere from 10,000 to 15,000. It is Schoenfeld's duty to act as their director during this period of stress, and, in addition, to travel through the country seeking to strengthen the hands of garment workers in the clothing making centers of Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Montreal, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, etc., for a big fight next year against the various alleged evils of the contract system.

Schoenfeld knows full well that it is practically impossible to do away with the contract plan, and besides that, the bottom of the trouble must be looked for elsewhere.

Overcompetition—Too Much Immigration.

Whether the contract system be abolished or not, so long as clothing dealers stand every nerve to cut prices, as they have for the last few years, and the raw materials for garment workers continue to pour into the country by the thousands, it will be impossible to keep wages up and work down and equally impossible to find work at all the times of the year for everybody.

If some scheme fixing the price of every article of clothing manufactured at a certain figure, high enough to enable the contractors to pay good wages for a reasonable short day's work without loss, could be devised and the inflow of green hands could be entirely stopped or greatly restricted for a number of years, Schoenfeld's task would be possible of achievement. But, of course, neither of these things can be done, and that being true, the garment making trades will continue to be subject to a succession of strike and lockout upheavals.

Strikes can be won in the busy season, because then the manufacturers must have the work done or suffer great loss. But the benefit of each future victory will be as lasting as the fruits of each past triumph have been. As soon as the little shattering of work wages will be reduced and hours lengthened. Some of the workers, influenced by previous bitter experiences, will submit; others will go out and their places will be taken by newly arrived immigrants; not masters of the trade, to be sure, but under present conditions as to division of labor quite capable of quickly learning the work. The next year these new green hands will be members of the union and will be anybody to keep wages up and hours down. But by that time another crop of newly arrived immigrants will be on hand all ready to neutralize the good effects of whatever agreements have been made between employers and employees.

Schoenfeld's Strong Influence.

Schoenfeld's power with the garment workers of New York and indeed in most of the cities named is truly phenomenal. This is due perhaps as much to the fact that he has written to withdraw altogether from labor agitation as to any other reason for human nature is the same among garment workers as any other class. But Schoenfeld possesses much native force and large administrative and executive ability. In favorable circumstances he might have become a notable man of affairs, for he is a good speaker and magnetic to a degree.

To continue to this country when only a boy, poverty stricken, friendless and ignorant. Today he is one of the best paid men in New York, and he has a firm grip upon most of the larger questions which interest modern thinkers. Like most strike leaders of the Hebrew race, he is at heart a socialist, but by no means a radical one, and he clearly perceives the difficulties and dangers that lie in the path of those who advocate a sudden social revolution. He is actually in a large degree a conservative attitude that impresses a few of the men who make clothes in New York are in close sympathy either with the schemes of Eugene V. Debs or the Socialistic Labor party, whose chief mouthpiece here is Daniel De Leon.

Although Mr. Schoenfeld is now a man of wide information, he has never in his life been able to find time for the perusal of mere books. His reading is confined exclusively to the newspapers. He goes through nearly every one of the New York papers daily and has done so for years. But he has rarely given them attention until night-time. When he was at work in the shop, the daylight hours were entirely taken up by his work, and he has invariably been similarly absorbed every day when managing a strike or organizing a union.

His reading, therefore, has almost all been done in bed, and more than half the time for years he has fallen asleep with a newspaper in his hand.

DEXTER MARSHALL.

REPARTEE AND WIT.

GOOD EXAMPLES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN COMMONLY QUOTED.

Quick and Bright Responses Made by Politicians, Judges, Professors and Literary Men—Scotch and Irish Wits Seem to Excel in This Particular Field.

That it is not an easy matter to flash out a suitable repartee at the right moment most disinterested persons would admit. A good repartee requires not merely talent, but something of genius and, what is as rare as genius, presence of mind. All will agree on this point, but at the same time, in a world in which each is prone to imagine himself a genius, the significance of this truth is apt to pass unremarked, and hence the enormous stock of repartee on record, varying from the readiest and wittiest down to those which, in Macaulay's phrase, "every schoolboy knows." The New York Post has already gathered from "Lord Tenison's Life" and other sources some bon mots of the higher order, and perhaps the following may be given as helping to swell the list of really good repartees.

At one of the recent general elections in England the Earl of Curlew, I believe, was a candidate. The earl is exceedingly youthful in appearance, and during one of his speeches he was interrupted with the question, "Does your mother know you're out?" Quick as lightning the earl replied, "Yes, and tomorrow she'll know I'm in." Another political speaker who was stigmatized by an irate questioner as not having the manners of a pig had the presence of mind to retort, "Sir, I am sorry to see you have." On a similar occasion Sheridan was informed by one of his questioners that the answers given by him were so unsatisfactory that he (the questioner) could not give him his countenance at the election, whereupon the orator replied, "Sir, I am very glad, for an uglier countenance I never did see."

Turning from politics to literature, we have the famous encounter of Sir Walter Scott and Robertson, one of the Scots judges. Between these two there was a notorious feud. One day, in passing Robertson, Scott remarked to a friend, "There goes Peter of the panther!" Robertson was equal to the occasion with, "And there goes Peveril of the Peak!" Scott's forehead, of course, was very pointed, while the peculiarity of Lord Robertson's figure may be easily guessed from the story.

What is it that constitutes a successful repartee? Undoubtedly one of the main elements is the rapidity of production. Of course all quick replies or remarks are not repartees, but the following borders so closely on the genuine repartee that there is no reason why it should not find a place in the list: There is a true wit in the reply of the Irishman to the gentleman who asked him why his horse was so white in the face. "Sure, sorr, if your head had been in a halter all day long your face would be white too." As the question was put as a test of an ordinary Irishman's readiness, the questioner ought to have been satisfied with the result.

Pre-eminent in this domain is the name of Sir Richard Bethell, better known as Lord Westbury. In his own day this great lawyer was famous not only for the readiness but also for the savagery of his replies. It is said that when one observed to him that a certain brother judge never sat alone on the bench, but always along with other judges, Bethell replied that this was doubtless due to the dislike of all children to being alone in the dark. "Can this be beaten?" Even when presiding on the bench Bethell did not restrain his tongue. One day a case involving the property of some mines was being conducted before him. One of the five lawyers instructed for the defendant opposed his speech with the observation that his client had been at considerable expense in boring, whereupon the judge blantly remarked, "So I see from the number of counsel he has employed."

Along with Bethell's name may be coupled that of another judge, but this time a Scotch one, Harry Erskine. Erskine's replies were quite as quick as Bethell's, and certainly they were not nearly so savage. One occasion Erskine was overthrown in the street by a friend who intended to him a gentleman. This gentleman expressed a desire to witness an example of Erskine's wit. "Well, then, what is to be the subject?" queried Erskine. "Oh, the king."

"I beg your pardon, sir, the king is not a subject," was the instantaneous reply.

To conclude these articles, let us take two examples of university wit. The first bon mot is attributed to a certain famous professor of Greek at one time in Glasgow college. His classroom at Glasgow was directly under that of the professor of logic, and the energy of the gestures and actions of this latter professor caused little bits of plaster to fall on the Greek professor's desk. One day when more than the usual quantity of plaster had fallen the Greek professor paused in his lecture to observe, "Professor—s (naming the logic professor)—conclusions are bringing down my premises." In the second story the sally came from the students. The professor had explained at length the nature of an octohedron to a class consisting of numerous male students and eight ladies in the front bench. "Now do you understand that an octohedron is a figure with eight regular plane faces?" "Oh, yes, sir, the front bench!" Surely Burke was right when he said that the age of chivalry was past, but let us remember, as some compensation, that perhaps the age of wit is still with us.

Testy Tenison.

Tenison was once dining at the house of his brother-in-law, Professor Lushington, and among the guests happened to be an inoffensive stranger who never having had the honor of being in J. R. Tenison's company before, every now and then stole a glance of curiosity at the illustrious poet. Suddenly, however, those present were startled by Mr. Tenison, who had been rather quiet for some time, looking up from the tablecloth and glaring wrathfully round the table. He fixed the young man with his glittering eye and said, loud enough to be heard by all present, "You are looking at me, I tell you." The color of the young gentleman was, of course, complete and instantaneous, the lesson enforced in his mind being that while a cat may look at a king in 1216, times of the cat's paw.—New York Tribune.

FASHION'S FANCIES.

Lamb's Wool Goods—Short Capes and Stylish Sleeves.

A very heavy, fine lamb's wool material is used this winter for wraps for old ladies. Formerly it came only in pale shades and was employed chiefly for dressing gowns, wrappers and babies' cloaks, but now it is to be had in dark colors and even black and is very warm and light. The chief drawback is the tendency to catch lint and threads, which have to be picked off by hand.

Short capes, or pelicans, for evening wear are brilliant and elaborate novelties. They usually accompany some rather theatrical style of hat and are on sale with it. A model designed to go with a large pink and white hat of complicated construction

is of pink mink velvet. It is flat—that is, not rippled—and is cut in four large scallops around the edge, which is bordered with pink and white feather trimming, full and fluffy, the collar being made to match. The body of the pelmine, which just covers the shoulders, is embroidered with silver sequins and crystal beads in a large and striking pattern.

Sleeves are growing steadily smaller. While a certain amount of fullness is still seen at the top, it is more and more of the nature of separate trimming rather than a part of the sleeve itself. Ruffles, small puffs and various kinds of sleeve caps are the representative arrangement of fullness for the sleeve. Probably by spring these will be dispensed with altogether.

A picture is given of an evening gown for a young girl. It is of accordion plaited silk mousseline, sole over pink satin. The plaited skirt is plain. The bodice, which is cut square at the neck, has a yoke of unbordered guipure, the décolletage being edged by a ruffle of pink mousseline. The short sleeves consist of small puffs of pink mousseline drawn under a band of guipure. The soft belt is of jacquinet velvet.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

A STORY OF SLAVERY DAYS.

Three White Men Whipped All the Negroes at an Indignation Meeting.

"In the days of slavery," said an old soldier, "the worst trouble we used to have was in keeping the negroes at home. You know in those days a negro was not allowed to leave his master's plantation without a written pass. When this rule was violated, the offender was liable to the most severe punishment. This punishment was administered with a long whip on the slave's bare back. Fifty lashes was the regulation punishment for a slave's running away.

"There is one incident that I will never forget. I was living near Pendleton, in this state, and the slaves around there were thick. Near the village was Samuel Maverick's large plantation. Late one afternoon I heard that about 40 negroes had congregated near Mr. Maverick's in a dense wood, to hold some kind of indignation meeting. Gatherings of the kind in those days were not frequent, from the fact that the slaves had some idea of the punishment that would accrue when they were discovered. In the wood of which I speak was a small one room cabin. The rumor was that the negroes were to meet at the cabin.

"My purpose was to get two men to join me, surround the cabin and whip the slaves. Two friends willingly went with me, and we arrived near the edge of the wood about dark. Our horses were fastened in a clump of bushes, and we crept toward the cabin. All the negroes were in the house. They never took the precaution to place a guard on duty, because they did not believe they could ever be found. We easily surrounded the house. One man was sent to watch the lone window, while the other and I went to the door.

"The negroes were having a high old time. They were discussing a recent whipping when one of their friends received a terrible flogging from a hard taskmaster for a very light offense. Just as the indignation proceeding was at its highest I opened the door and slipped in. My friend followed to prevent any of the men escaping. Our presence had the effect of stampeding the entire bunch of blacks. An angry mob now have surprised them more. One big buck danced up to me, but I gave him a swing with a heavy stick, and he fell to the floor paralyzed. No other attempt was made to raise trouble.

"I told the crowd that I had to whip every man. It caused a storm, but the men had to submit. While my friend stood at the door with a pistol I took the slaves out one at a time and gave each 50 lashes on the bare back. The whole crowd was in a state of confusion, though it made little difference. I was tired out with my part, and after a spell turned the lash over to the man at the door to act as executioner. Finally the last man was pulled from the cabin, and when he was whipped we started home. The negroes fled as fast as they got their punishment, collecting in groups later to march home. We could still hear their cries as they stung under the effects of the flogging. The whipping was a good result, however, and that was the last indignation meeting in that part of the country.

"Only one man escaped the whipping, as I thought. He was the old fellow, Jack Burr, who used to play the fiddle at the dances, and for that reason I did not want to hurt him. On making an investigation I found that he had brought his violin along and had it carefully hidden near the cabin. I ordered him to get it and play while I whipped. This he at first refused to do, but I told him 300 lashes would result if he refused. Of course Jack had to play. He drew his bow through a chunk of resin and made his violin howl while the voices of the crying blacks kept time wearily. Every man who was whipped cursed the fiddler, though the fiddler paid his foot on the grass and seemed deaf to the groans. It was about the most peculiar combination that a man ever saw, but it pleased Jack and my two friends.

"Twenty years later I was driving along the road near home one day when I was overtaken by a negro on a mule. He called me by name and asked if I remembered him. I told him that I could not place his dusky face. I did not say anything about the song you hear now about all coons looking alike, for it was not known then. The negro told me that he was in the cabin that night and that I did not whip him. I could not believe this. He explained the matter, however, by saying that he was up on the chimney and I guess he had the truth. Any way I was glad of it 20 years later."—Charlotte Letter in New York Sun.



Don't blame the cake-box if your cake dries up quickly. It will keep moist and fresh if you use Cleveland's Baking Powder.

ALBERT, THE SPY.

Death of One of the Most Extraordinary Figures of Modern Paris.

The death has just been announced of one of the most extraordinary figures of modern Paris. This is the notorious Albert—Albert J., as he was accustomed to style himself—who since throughout his existence was the life of the Boulevard party. He was perhaps the only man in the world who ever put himself upon his own neck, and he has been years passed in this chair, but he, though he believed the fact is that the police made it to be or not use his services. There is no doubt that Albert was a man of means who convinced himself that he saw plots and conspiracies everywhere against the security of the state, and who devoted his entire life for many years to persuading himself and others that he was an amateur detective. He first came prominent into public view during the trial of General Boulanger before the high court of justice, and thereafter his name never appeared in Boulevard journals without the epithet "infamous" being attached to it. A short, stout little man, with a bushy beard, dressed in a greasy frock coat and worn out hat, he spent his time patrolling the streets and embarking with severely concealed satisfaction when passerby pointed to him and called out "Voilà le Monsieur Albert." At the time he would pass himself off as a doctor. At another he styled himself a journalist or a man of letters.

Since the death of Boulanger he had transferred his unwelcome attentions to the Socialists and Revolutionists, of whom he was the pet aversion. Though he was perfectly well known to them all by sight, he made a point of attending all their meetings, and his arrival generally provoked some sort of a riot or disturbance, in which he was often roughly handled. He devoted nearly all his time to spying upon the Revolutionists and at one time was to be seen every morning watching the approaches to the Elysee. He became such a nuisance there that he had to be warned off. After this he attached himself to the chamber of deputies, but, as before, had to be turned out on several occasions and marched off to the nearest police station.

Every week or two he was wont to arrive at the prefecture of police with a brand new conspiracy in his pocket, the authenticity of which he supported by imaginary notes and other self made documents. Never was a startling crime committed of which Albert did not know the author and seek to induce the police to act upon his information. Apart from his detective work the only pleasure of his life seemed to be the conspiracy of which, which indeed was the cause of his death. He was found insensible the other day in the Rue Bernard Palissy and died before he could be taken to the hospital.—Paris Letter in Philadelphia Ledger.

Seventeenth Century Dress.

A friend who is making a tour of the old libraries of Europe in search of something or other that is altogether too deep for me came across a quaint old volume on dress, and he was thoughtful enough to send a copy of the book for me. It is one of Planché's and is the work of three years. It was not until 1850 that such a work was used, and then Queen Elizabeth had to get a Dutchwoman to come over to London to stuff up her ruffs. This Dutchwoman and her husband taught the English how to make and wear ruff at the rate of 25 for the course. Planché is also responsible for the statement that the most expensive and the most aristocratic worn by men was that in vogue during the reign of Charles I.—1625 to 1649.

In relation to

WOMAN'S WAY AND WOMAN'S WORK

THE SOCIETY OUTLOOK IN WASHINGTON.

Cabinet Ladies and the Wives and Daughters of Government Officials as Social Leaders.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The social season in Washington depends for its gaiety on so many things that at this time of the year all the men and women who make a business of pleasure begin to inquire anxiously about the outlook for entertainments. Cabinet people and others in official life help to make or mar the season, and entertaining is so intimate a part of an administration's duties that men have been appointed to the cabinet for no better reason than that they were rich and able to give fine balls and dinners. Society has even unmade administrations. It was a social question, you will remember, which broke up Andrew Jackson's cabinet and caused the resignation of all the members of it excepting one.

The presence or absence of wealthy people who make a winter resort of Washington determines in some degree the character of the social season. Deaths may change the outlook, too, by throwing wealthy, hospitable families into mourning. It is not surprising, then, that the list of possible entertainers should be scanned every season by men and women who are looking forward to afternoon teas and evening dinners, to balls and receptions, as the chief source of the winter's pleasures.

The last four years were not very satisfying to society. In the first Cleveland administration was William C. Whitney, and the history of social Washington shows no entertainer so lavish as he. No week passed without some social celebration at the Whitney house. In the next administration was John W. Foster, who rented the house which the Whitneys had occupied, and did a great deal of lavish entertaining.

Mr. Cleveland's second cabinet was a "poor man's cabinet." Mr. Olney was a man of large professional income when he left Boston, but not a man of property. Mr. Carlisle had never had more than his salary as a congressman, except an occasional legal fee, and he had to live strictly within his cabinet salary. Secretary Herbert was the traditional poor southerner. He eked out his salary with an income from magazine articles for which he received from \$500 to \$800 each. In fact, all of the cabinet were men of modest means.

In the present administration the president, the vice president and the members of the cabinet are well able to fulfill their social obligations, and the administration must contribute the greatest amount to the fund of social enjoyment.

A great deal of gorgeous entertaining is done at private houses in Washington, but by far the greatest occurs in the homes of men in high official life. The cabinet officers necessarily lead in this, and as their entertainments are expensive, no one who is respectable need look for an opportunity to take part in them. Of course, the president comes first, with a series of four great receptions at the White House, and with state dinners at intervals, at which he is expected, before the season ends, to entertain individually every member of the diplomatic corps, the 450 members of the house and senate and a great many department officials and distinguished visitors. The president entertains or not as he sees fit. Mr. Hobart is wealthy and fond of society, and he is planning to entertain handsomely in the Don Cameron house on Lafayette square, which he is occupying during the first winter of his term. The secretary of state is expected to entertain the diplomatic corps at breakfast on New Year's morning and to give other entertainments in his honor and to distinguished visitors. Secretary Sherman has a home on Franklin square which is better planned for fine entertaining than any other in Washington, and he has the wealth which makes lavish entertaining possible. The other members of the cabinet have fine houses, and many of them are wealthy. Secretary Alger is a very rich man, and he is very fond of entertaining. He has taken a fine house on K street. Secretary Clegg and Postmaster General Gary are both wealthy. So is Secretary Bliss. Among those not in the official circle who will entertain well the first is Mrs. George Westinghouse. Mrs. Westinghouse is the wife of the fortune maker who invented the airbrake and so became a millionaire. They have a beautiful home in the suburbs of Pittsburgh and a fine country house at Lenox, but Mrs. Westinghouse has spent her winters for several years past in Washington. At the Arlington hotel three years ago she gave some entertainments which are still quoted as examples of extraordinary lavishness. The roses and orchids for one of her dinners cost \$5,000. Last winter Mrs. Westinghouse took the old Blaine house on Dupont circle, which was for many years the home of the Leites. It is one of the most spacious houses in Washington. Mrs. Westinghouse was in mourning last year, but in the coming season she is expected to give some very fine entertainments.

The Leiter house, on Dupont circle, is better equipped for large entertainments than any other house in Washington. On the first floor are library, reception room, music room, dining room and morning room, with a salon hall which is equivalent to a ball. The dressing rooms are down stairs.

O. Wolcott of Colorado and W. M. Stewart of Nevada. The member of the house who will be heard from of interest in the social world is Charles F. Sprague of Massachusetts, who married some of the Perkins millions and who has taken the Graham Bell house on Scott circle.

The wife of Senator Foraker has a daughter to introduce to society, but she will spend the early part of the winter in her old home, Cincinnati. In the unofficial circle one of the best known women is Mrs. Albert C. Barney, whose beautiful home on K street was empty last season. Mrs. Barney returned from Europe last spring to spend the summer at Bar Harbor, and she is expected in Washington soon. Mrs. Barney is well known as an amateur artist, and her portrait work has attracted much commendation from the critics.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris is one of the most interesting figures in Washington. All the romance which surrounded the marriage of Nellie Grant still lingers in the memory of the American people, and Mrs. Sartoris and her mother, Mrs. Grant, are overwhelmed each season with the attentions of their friends. Mrs. Sartoris will entertain quietly but delightfully this season.

Mrs. John B. Henderson, the wife of one of Missouri's wartime senators, lives in one of the finest of Washington's beautiful homes at the head of Sixteenth street and contributes to each season's entertainments a series of delightful dinners. As Mrs. Henderson is

A SERMON BY BAB ON MODERN WOMEN.

Some Timely Opinions Upon the Advent of the Gentler Sex Into Masculine Professions.

She was essentially a clubwoman. Consequently she had no opinion of me when she heard that I didn't belong to any clubs and so couldn't wear any badges. In a feminine club the woman who wears the greatest number of badges is most highly esteemed, for they show that her fellow women have a kindly feeling toward her and have never thrown the offensive blackball at her when she longed to enter the doors of any new organization.

A man is satisfied to belong to one or two clubs. If he happens to be attached to more, it is from force of circumstances, for he seldom uses more than one club, and in that he feels perfectly at home. The feminine club is not domestic. Its object seems to be to talk and to display new gowns, and whenever there is a meeting of the club which produces the best gowns is invariably referred to as the most progressive. And yet nine times out of ten it is the badly gowned woman who makes a good speech. From this I have drawn the conclusion that the feminine mind cannot compass gown designing and speechmaking at the same period of life.

The kind of club that I like most is when two or three women meet together over a cup of tea—good tea. Then you can speak your mind without offending the president, say what you think without making the treasurer feel that it is personal and wear what you please without undergoing the silent criticism of innumerable pairs of eyes.

In my own place this sort of an affair was going on the other day. The tea was ambrosial, and the spoonful of sherry added to it did not detract from its flavor, while the thin lettuce sandwiches made one just thirsty enough to induce one to keep on talking. The amateur painter, Jack, announced that if a woman had married her she wouldn't feel as if she were properly bound to her husband either in the sight of the law or of heaven. She also brilliantly remarked: "What would Jack think if when he came home at 5 o'clock from working down all day, he didn't find me in a pretty frock ready to make him as comfortable as possible and to kiss him and love him? What would he think if I were writing books instead of that? What would he think if I were running around pulling out teeth? What would he think if I were sitting up on a tower in this freezing weather, rising a cold in my head, looking for stairs to come out and make a scientist of myself?"

The other women promptly agreed that Jack would think she was a pretty poor sort of a wife and that he would have a right to do so; that her place

he will work it out in his baby mind that you didn't believe him before, that you won't now, and pretty soon he will stop giving expression to his love, and in a little while the love itself will disappear.

"Now, men in some respects are only grown up babies; so just have faith in them, and after awhile, from a sense of pride maybe, they will make themselves what you think them to be. But there! I have wandered from my subject."

Somebody just here said something about my always drifting to the men. I suppose I ought to have looked humiliated, but I didn't, and simply, but forcibly, announced that I was only following the example set by my foremothers, who, from Eve down, had shown the same inclination.

Mrs. Jack laughed, but my preaching a sermon, and I told her that, wouldn't do that, though I did have ideas of my own about sermons. My idea of a sermon is one that lasts about five minutes, and in which I am told how to be less quick tempered, and you are told how to be less selfish, and somebody else is told how to be more generous, and somebody else is told how to honor his father and mother. I don't want to hear sermons about creeds. I don't want to hear sermons about the 2,500 different meanings of one line in the Old Testament. I want a sermon that's going to make you and me better in a practical way, a sermon that takes the Ten Commandments and reads between the lines. Did you ever try that? Well, I'll give you a modern set:

I.—Thou shalt not worship thy dinner.

II.—Thou shalt not fall down and worship brandy, burgundy, any wine in bottles, or much pick food, for the sins of the father will descend upon the children unto the second or third degree of them that are drunkards or gluttons.

III.—Thou shalt not speak lightly of that which thy neighbor honoreth.

IV.—Thou shalt not make thy Sabbath day one of horror; but, instead, a day of gladness and good will.

V.—Thou shalt not make light of the weaknesses of thy father or thy mother, for age and weakness will come to thee some day.

VI.—Thou shalt not, by word or deed, hurt any living thing.

VII.—Thou shalt not defile thyself with vulgar words or mean thoughts.

VIII.—Thou shalt not long with an ill will for that which is the possession of thy neighbor.

IX.—Thou shalt not talk scandal.

X.—Thou shalt not speak of love to the wife of thy friend.

When I began to write this, I thought it might turn out a song; instead of that, it's turned out a sermon. Well, it's published on Sunday or close unto it, so read, learn and inwardly digest the wisdom of

they have tried all these then they want a man to fall back on.

"There haven't been very many great women painters. There have been hundreds of clever women writers, but not many great ones. 'Adam Bede' will be forgotten when 'Fanny Hill' is remembered, and 'Jane Eyre' will be a thing of the past, an unpleasant memory, when 'Colonel Newcombe' is teaching the world what a gentleman is. I never saw but one woman lawyer, but I may mention here, quite casually, that I would allow no woman to run my squabbles. Those that I couldn't attend to myself I would refer to a lawyer who had 'Mr.' before his name.

"No woman need want to study to be a preacher. She was born with that instinct, but her pupil should be an archbishop, her listeners her immediate family, and if she practices as she preaches her congregation will be a great credit to her. As for a woman preacher marrying people, let the people who like it be joined in wedlock after this fashion, but for my own part I should feel that it was the preacher herself who was married to my young man; that we were rather mixed up sort of Mormons, don't you know. Ah, my dears, what are women good nowadays is a little ignorance. We are a great deal happier when we don't know too much. Do you remember that wonderful poem in a few words written by Owen Meredith and in which he explains true knowledge? He says:

"To thee be all men heroes; every rare, noble; All women, virgins; every house a temple; Know thou nothing base."

"That's my idea of knowledge. If the rest of this band of tea drinkers doesn't agree with me, I am sorry, but I do think if women didn't know quite so much it would be a great deal better, and every individual woman would be a great deal happier."

"Every blessed one of you has a fashion of taking it for granted that what a man says to you isn't true. Now, nine times out of ten it is. So the tenth time give him the benefit of the doubt, and when he finds you do believe him he will take a fancy to living up to his reputation and will tell the truth so that he may not go back on you."

"A man is like a prophet—he wants to be believed in in his own country—and when the women of his household don't show him that they have faith in him he is pretty apt to give them cause for their unbelief. Just take one of your babies, and when it comes and tells you that it loves you suppose you are brute enough to push it away because you are too busy to listen to it (as if a woman ought ever to be too busy to listen to her own child say). Well, the next time that small boy feels the same inclination

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Prints, if rinsed in salt and water, look brighter. Silk handkerchiefs and ribbons should be washed in salt and water and ironed wet to look well.

Yellow spots on the linen or cotton produced by the iron may be removed by setting them in the broiling sun.

When ammonia is used to remove stains on colored fabrics, if the color is dulled, a little weak oxalic acid will restore it.

Wash black stockings in weak soda to which is added a teaspoonful of ox gall. Rinse until no color runs. Iron on the wrong side.

An excellent starch for dark clothes, blue calicoes, etc., is made by using cold coffee left from breakfast, instead of pure water. Make the starch as usual.

Colored muslins should be washed in a lather of cold water. If the muslin be green, add a little vinegar to the water; if lilac, a little ammonia; if black, a little salt.

Black serge or cashmere dresses are improved and cleansed by being sponged with this mixture: A tablespoonful of ammonia and another of spirits of wine to 3 of boiling water.

For scorching in linen spread over them the juice of an onion and a quarter ounce of white soap. The articles should be exposed to the sunlight after being saturated with the mixture.

Velvet of plush that has become creased and whose nap is matted should be dampened on the underside with clear water. Then hold the goods tight over the face of a flatiron and rub the matted piece with a clothesbrush.

Nothing is so easily spoiled or made shabby as a wall. Instead of tacking it into a crowded drawer, to lie in a tumbled heap until wanted again, stretch it carefully over a bit of cardboard or other stiff material, as is always done in the stores.

It is a very great mistake to keep choice lace for years without washing. Many women believe that it is ruined by soap and water and will keep some cherished laces for years and years, turning yellow with age and rotting with the dust it has accumulated till it really drops to pieces.

JEWEL JOTTINGS.

Very artistic are the cut steel hair ornaments set in gold and mounted on tortoise shell combs.

The demand continues for traveling clocks, also for the ball desk clocks, with convex lens dials.

A unique belt is made of sections of leather it and together with steel and finished with a steel buckle.

Of high artistic quality are the Vienna paintings on wood panels. The same may be said of the enamels on copper.

With other dainty accessories for the "house beautiful" are paintings on ivory, in silver frames, of the Louis Quinze period.

All kinds of metal and real and imitation jewels are employed in the working of fancy belts, which continue all the rage.

Little later pipes with silver mountings and amber mouthpieces are exhibited alongside the silver trimmed meerschaums.

A novelty in silver knickknacks is a little flat reel on which to wind dental floss. It is designed to carry in one pocket or purse.

Decorated porcelain is introduced with charming effect for the backs of brushes and hand mirrors. The mountings are silver or silver gilt.

East Indian styles are dexterously copied in the new silver jewelry, which receives its enrichment in semiprecious stones and variegated colored enamels.

Cut steel is being used to advantage by jewelers. Some of the floral designs in hair ornaments, mounted on tortoise shell pins, are artistically executed.

A Bridal Garter.

The bridal garter for the November bride will be of white elastic. Running over the surface of the elastic will be a delicate tracery in blue in the pattern of a tiny flower. Here and there will be knots of very narrow white ribbon.

The buckle is a rhinestone one, clear and without color, save for the gold setting. The end of the elastic is brought through the buckle and knotted with white ribbon.

Bordering the elastic is a ruffle of white lace of fine pattern. As elegant a little piece of lace as may be found can be placed upon the garter, for the bridal garter is to be put away as one of the mementoes of the day.

It is a Holland superstition that a bride should make her own wedding garters and that she should make them of "something new and something blue." With such a garter the day will not prove rainy nor will any mishap mar the bridal feast.

What Women Wear.

Smooth finished cloth, with a surface like satin, is chosen for tailor made gowns.

A striking dinner gown is of rich noisette velours, with elegant jet ornaments.

Short waists of silk have fitted linings. They will be as fashionable as ever. Cashmere waists will also be worn.

The first hats shown at leading milliners are black tulle and heavily trimmed with ostrich feathers.

FASHION'S FADS AND FANCIES.

The new ribbons are very attractive, and are evidently going to be more than ever a feature of dress trimming. There are gorgeous plaids and the most fascinating array of stripes, up and down and across in the Roman fashion. Three or four shades of one color are striped together, with possibly a velvet

Another "African Farm."

Olive Schreiner (Ralph Iron), who started the literary world some years ago with "The Story of an African Farm," has just completed another book, which is rather impatiently awaited by an expectant public. Whether this her latest will be as startling a social study as her first book remains to be seen, but it is safe to say that it will be worth reading, as Miss Schreiner is a woman who can write.

Beats quite out of the ordinary show

a combination of colored leather and cut steel.

newest being a clear shade of purple blue.

Large toques of velvet seem to be the dominant idea in millinery, and they are trimmed with upright feathers on one side or a long plume falling partly on the hair at the side, with two short, fluffy plumes standing up. Flowers and bows of ribbon are also used, and they all sit up on the left side.

Cravat fashion calls a hat, many red shades are to be in vogue. Among the

The narrow tablier front, as it serves

to display the trimming which covers it, entirely or extends up either side in elaborate designs.

The prettiest use to which jet and chiffon are put is as garniture on caps of black satin. The jet is embroidered in "all over" design, the chiffon as plaited edgings.

The width generally employed for girdles of black satin ribbon is No. 9.

A charming basque blouse for a

young girl is blue cloth, with pannes

and belt of white cloth, and a chemise of mail and lace.

The granny bonnets in vogue for babies are of plaited crepe or of corded silk, shaped by rows of fancy braiding.

Russian blouses of black and some of the dark, rich shades of velvet, edged around with fur, will be worn with silk and cloth skirts.

The beauty, advantage and generally becoming effect of the princess dress

are generously extolled by the foreign

fashion books, and it is set forth as one of the season's special fashions.

The bias sashes used on swell bodies are of velvet, surah, satin and habutai. Black is the favorite color.

Velvets should be held over the steam of boiling water and kept well stretched until the moisture has evaporated.

Red and white striped voile with black velvet is lovely for a girl's blouse corsage.

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Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, with furnace heat, hot and cold water, privilege of bath on same floor, suitable for light housekeeping, or for lodgings. Inquire at this office.
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Girl for general housework. Apply at once at 145 Union st.
A good broom maker wanted at once. Address A. G. Coburn, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
2 or 3 furnished rooms. Address H. A. Harvie, City.
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Saturday. Blank silver mounted pocket-book, containing owner's cards, car tickets, gold studs and money. Please notify Transcript, 165 F.
A bunch of keys. Will finder please return to the Transcript. 1124 F.

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The Y. M. C. A. Mandolin, Banjo, and Guitar Club will furnish music for concerts, parties, socials, etc. For terms address W. E. Warner, at J. M. Duggan's store, 7 Eagle st., or W. H. Garlick, 85 West Main St.

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a realistic and humorous picture of country life. Mr. La Marr is supported by
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Good Homes and Splendid Investments
Among the bargains I have for sale I would call your attention to the following:
A 3-room house and 1.4 acre of land on Rich view avenue.
8 new houses on Ashland street, one a two-tenement house.
Good lots on Ashland and Davenport sts. no grading or filling.
Several other desirable investments in other parts of the city.

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Real Estate Bought and Sold.

NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that all persons having residences in the city must clear the sidewalks in front of their residences of snow and ice within 24 hours of the time of snow fall or ice formation. Neglect to comply with this order will make any offender subject to the law's penalty.
By order of
COLUMBIA OPERA HOUSE.

CAN HE EXPLAIN?

Mr. Hamer's Untruths About the Union Work. He Has Been Misrepresenting Again.

Mr. Hamer is not to blame for what he don't know or cannot understand. At the last city council meeting he said "It seems that his Honor the Mayor, and the commissioner of public works knew when they asked for the appropriation of \$2500 where they intended to use it." The council appropriated this sum in March, 1897. Mr. Houghton did not offer to give \$2500 towards macadamizing part of Union street until August, 1897, and Mr. Hunter did not know that he was going to make the offer until then. Neither of them had any idea as to where macadamizing was to be done in March, 1897. If Mr. Hamer had desired that the macadamizing should be done on any particular street he ought to have had such street designated by the council at that time. No street was mentioned and the commissioner of public works had a perfect right to have the macadamizing done where he thought the best interests of the city would be conserved. If he had not accepted Mr. Houghton's offer he would have been blamed and justly too. Union street is one of the main arteries of the city and one half of the expense of macadamizing it was defrayed in advance.

Mr. Hamer very sapiently asked the council, "Why didn't they inform the council, and let them act on it as they did Marshall and Main streets?" Mr. Hunter had the upper part of Main street around the soldiers' monument macadamized last year by the day, the same as this year, and did not ask the council about it. No one questioned the legal right to have such work done. Mr. Hamer was not then running for mayor and had not then begun to discover mare's nests. No one asked last year why one-half of the macadamizing the space around the monument was not assessed upon the abutters. Everyone knew that such assessment could not be made because there was no law under which such assessment could be levied.

Last spring the legislature of this state passed a law authorizing the city council of North Adams, whenever in their judgment the public convenience and necessity required to pave any street in the city and assess one half of the expense of such paving upon the abutters. Paving is not macadamizing. Macadamizing is covering the surface of a street with several layers of broken stone and rolling it down hard with a steam road roller. Paving is covering the surface of a street with a floor of stone or brick. The state road extending from Braytonville to Williamstown is a macadamized road. Main street from Eagle street to Phoenix bridge and Marshall streets are paved streets. Center street and part of Union street are macadamized streets.

Mr. Hamer asked the council why the cost of macadamizing Union street was not assessed upon "the abutters on each side one fourth?" Mr. Hamer didn't know the difference between paving and macadamizing. He was trying to teach the council and did not know what he was talking about. He did not know that no part of the expense of macadamizing can be assessed upon an abutter. He hadn't read the paving act of 1897 under which the assessments for the paving can be laid upon abutters, or, if he had read it, he couldn't understand it. He isn't to blame for what he don't know, or cannot understand. Mr. Hamer is to blame for telling as true something that he knows to be untrue. Mr. Hamer said to the council "I see one item for sharpening tools, oil, etc., and he gets 12 1/2 per cent. more on this as his percentage on actual cost." This is an absolute falsehood and Mr. Hamer knows that it is false. Mr. Lally has never been paid 12 1/2 per cent. for sharpening tools, oil, etc., or any other sum. He never has been paid anything except his percentage upon labor.

Mr. Hamer said "It will be seen by this what Mr. Lally gets 12 1/2 per cent. on every dollar he expends for the city." This is another untruth. Mr. Lally got no percentage on materials or for sharpening tools, etc. He simply got his percentage on the amount paid for labor.
Mr. Hamer tries to make out that Mr. Lally has been dishonest and tries to prove it by stating untruths. This is a sample statement from Mr. Hamer's address. Before insinuating that Mr. Lally had been dishonest it would have been a good plan for Mr. Hamer to have been honest himself. Before Mr. Hamer had endeavored to cast the mote out of Mr. Lally's eye it would have been an excellent thing for him to have attended to the beam in his own eye.

What is the truth about the macadamizing done in the Union? The city council voted in March, 1897, to appropriate \$2500 for macadamizing. No streets were mentioned and as in the case of the appropriation for sewers it was left to the discretion of the commissioner of public works. Nothing was done about macadamizing

They Make No Claim.

About three weeks ago as Peter Harrington and two of his brothers were driving home after closing their market on Centre street they met with an accident on Ashland street. A ditch had been dug across the street and filled, but the filling was so soft that the horse sank in and was suddenly stopped. Stephen Harrington was thrown from the wagon and hurt, the harness was broken and one or two shoes were pulled from the horses' feet. It was a case in which the city was clearly liable for damages, but the Harrington brothers will make no claim. They say the dirt in the ditch had been softened by water running in after the ditch was filled, and they do not feel that it would be manly or just to push a claim against the city, although legally it might be perfectly valid. They therefore paid for the repairs necessary and will do nothing further about it. This is an unusual course, as most people are only too anxious to get a case against the city, and the Harrington brothers are to be commended for their exceptional fairness and liberality.

until August 2, 1897, when the mayor wrote to Mr. Hunter saying that if macadamizing was done in the Union that the Arnold Print works would bear one-half of the expense up to \$2500. Mr. Hunter, as many of good judgment would have done, accepted the offer. The city engineer and other city officials had so much other work on hand that it was necessary to go outside. Mr. Hunter had a perfect right under the charter and statutory laws to have this work done by contract or by the day. Mr. Lally was selected because of the experience that he had gained working on state roads and because he was a good road builder. He was to receive 12 1/2 per cent on labor including insurance. That is Mr. Lally was to take charge of the work and for compensation was to receive 12 1/2 per cent on all sums paid out for labor and was to insure the city against all accidents that might occur to any of the workmen during the work.

Mr. Hamer quoted figures from the auditor's report showing the cost of macadamizing, sewers and sidewalks. These figures are misleading and were quoted in the way Mr. Hamer put them for the purpose of misleading people. Mr. Hamer wanted people to infer that Mr. Lally had been paid 12 1/2 per cent on the sums he named. This is not so. Mr. Lally never built the sidewalks at all. They were built by Mr. Varnum. The figures quoted by Mr. Hamer include the cost of labor and material. Mr. Lally got a percentage only on the cost of labor. Why was Mr. Hamer not honest with his audience? Why did he try to treat Mr. Lally unfairly? This is his method of running a campaign. Out of this 12 1/2 per cent Mr. Lally insured the city against all loss from damages resulting from injuries to any of the workmen. This was no small item.

On the 17th day of September, 1907, a workman by the name of Boland while working for the city in a sewer near Washington avenue was injured. The city has paid this man up to date for time that he has been idle \$72.00 for time and \$110 for board. What the medical attendance amounts to is not known. In addition to this this man Boland has sued the city for \$1000 besides. Why did not Mr. Hamer tell the council about these facts? He could have found them on the auditor's books if he had tried. Mr. Hamer did not mention these facts because if he had it would not then have appeared that Mr. Lally was getting such a "snap" after all. A single accident to a workman on Mr. Lally's job would have wiped out all his profits.

Mr. Hamer insinuates that Mr. Lally increased the cost of the work beyond the price that it ought to have been done for. The total cost of macadamizing in the Union, according to the city engineer, is \$3,377.54. This includes labor and materials. The labor cost \$1,465.89. The material, etc., cost \$2,111.65. Mr. Lally got his percentage on the smaller sum only. There were 4,773 square yards macadamized. This makes the cost 75 cents per yard. It cost the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to macadamize the state road in Greylock \$30,656 54 to macadamize 3,826 yards. These figures are taken from the report of the Massachusetts Highway Commission for 1893. The road in Greylock is similar as every one knows to the road-way in the Union. The cost per yard of macadamizing the Greylock road is \$17. The Greylock road is six inches thick at the center and five inches at the side. The road in the Union is covered with broken stone six inches thick all the way across. On the Greylock road all trap rock is used; on the Union road one-half trap rock and one-half native stone. Allowing for the difference in rock, etc., had the same material been used at Greylock as at the Union, the state road at Greylock would have cost the commonwealth about 97 cents per square yard.

The road in the Union is as good a job as the road at Greylock and it has cost the city at least 20 cents per square yard less the Greylock road, and the Arnold Print works pays one half of the expense. What becomes of Mr. Hamer's personal attack upon Mr. Lally? Does anyone now believe that Mr. Lally was dishonest with the city and tried to get in all the time on the job that he could? Mr. Hamer has given the lie to nearly every city official. Is this the way to make votes? Is this the man the people want for mayor? No. The people want an honest candidate. They want a man like H. Torrey Cady. A man who cannot lie and will not accuse other people of lying, not even to be elected. The charges made by Mr. Hamer against the mayor, commissioner of public works, city engineer, city solicitor and Mr. Lally are "like the baseless fabric of a vision." They were based on nothing and will amount to nothing, except the defeat of their author.

"EVANGELINE."
The Last Production. Bouquet of Flowers. Winner of the Prize.

The closing production of "Evangeline" under the auspices of the Universalist church and under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Rodenbaugh was given at Columbia opera house Wednesday evening to a good-sized audience and was instructive and entertaining. During the performance Mrs. Rodenbaugh, the reader, was presented a handsome bouquet of flowers. It was understood by some that the flowers were presented Mrs. Rodenbaugh on behalf of the company of young women she had trained to take part in the tableaux. Dancing occurred after the entertainment and the Ideal orchestra furnished music. The evening was highly enjoyed. The Acadian peasants mingled with the every day folk in the dance and made a pleasing scene. The prize of \$5 for the one selling the largest number of tickets was awarded. The lucky person was Miss Maude Eastman.

A HANDSOME PRESENT.
George Harrington Pleasantly Remembered by the D. of R.

It appears that the Daughters of Rebekahs are a very appreciative organization. George Harrington has been of great service to the daughters in perfecting them in their degree work and Wednesday evening they showed how mindful they were of his efforts for their instruction and advancement. When a proper time came Wednesday evening at the lodge room L. A. Germain on behalf of the members of the organization presented Mr. Harrington a Morris reclining chair. Mr. Harrington was entirely taken by surprise and was fully aware of the thoughtfulness that the handsome gift expressed on the part of his associates in his favorite lodge. He expressed himself as very grateful for the gift and to his mind very undeserving of it. He was assured to the contrary and the donors and recipients were both happy in the presentation. Refreshments were then partaken of and the company dissolved for the evening about the time that such companies do. The presentation expresses a fund of good fellowship and appreciation of loyalty to a cause.

A STABBING AFFRAY.
Hiram Peniskey, a Baker, Cuts Alexander Grant on the Nose.

Hiram Peniskey, a baker, who has a shop on Brooklyn street, was arrested this morning by Captain Parrow and Officer Whipple for assaulting Alexander Grant with a knife. It appears that Mr. Grant with his brother-in-law, Mr. King, drove to Peniskey's baker shop and in discussing a debt the men got into an altercation. Peniskey drew his pocket knife and cut Mr. Grant on the nose. The latter was taken to Dr. Weight's office and it required five stitches to close the wound. Peniskey was arrested on complaint of Mr. Grant and is out on bail. The case will be tried in court Friday morning.

Christmas at the Stores.

Tilton's is a worderland for the children. More toys than you'd think could be thought of.
Mrs. Man, if you think a box of 25 cigars would be a nice present for him, be sure the cigars are good. Calman on Eagle street has many favorite brands.
L. W. Davis has several pianos to sell and offers them at bargain prices.
Would somebody of your acquaintance be pleased with a pair of slippers? Weber Bros. show a remarkable line of them at all prices.
Skis and skates at J. M. Darby's Eagle street hardware store.
A bright, new 10-cent piece with every dollar's worth of goods.
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A Lucky Investment.

A few weeks ago Frank H. Pierce of West Cummington was in the city to visit his son, Kirk Pierce, a bookkeeper in the office of the Coady-Clark Shoe company. While here Mr. Pierce took occasion to sell a few tickets on articles to be drawn at a fair to be held in that town by the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Fred Mallory, who is employed by the Coady-Clark company, bought one for 10 cents, merely for the sake of showing his good will and with no expectation of any return. The fair was held last week, and Wednesday Mr. Mallory was notified that his ticket had drawn a \$50 centre table.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The lecture at the normal school Wednesday evening was very interesting and instructive.
A meeting of the orchestra will be held this evening for rehearsal.
The entertainment by Hoyt L. Conary at the Columbia opera house Friday evening is something which every lover of fun should attend.

To Hold a Meeting.

A meeting of the voters of Ward 4 will be held at Peter Cullen's store at the Five roads Friday evening. The intent of the meeting is to talk on the political situation. Speeches will be made and it will be much after the form of a smoke talk.

Exhibition and Sale.

Miss Griswold and Mrs. Anderson will have an exhibition and sale of Art Embroidery and Decorated China on Wednesday evening, December 15, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. at Miss Griswold's rooms No. 20 Summer street.

An attractive advertisement placed in THE TRANSCRIPT by Wetmore, the Eagle street jeweler, sold almost his entire stock of alarm clocks, obliging him to order more. That advertising in THE TRANSCRIPT pay has been proven again and again, but then the particular bargain Mr. Wetmore offered had something to do with the matter perhaps.

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